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CHAPTER III.

An old man with long gray hair and unkempt beard was seated on the doorstone of the ranch playing a violin. A tall, muscular young fellow lounged against a neighboring live oak, listening and placidly smoking. Lost in the rendering of his dismal music, the face of the performer was vacant and rapt. His eyes had an uncertain wandering gleam, and he bent his chin upon the instrument and hugged it close to him with long sweeps of his bow, as though intent upon the pursuit of some elusive melody that he feared might escape him. His knees were pressed close together, and one foot rested on the other, the toes turned inward, with a humorous suggestion that his emotional efforts were demoralizing his lower limbs. Near these erratic feet a monstrous river catfish, recently caught and thrown carelessly down, stretched its own length.

He did not cease playing as Cynthia and Bruce approached, but quite unconscious of their presence continued waking the echoes of the gathering twilight with his fiendish music. His companion greeted the girl with a friendly nod, and quickly detaching himself from the tree stepped toward her. The movement brought the fiddler to himself, who, still playing, turned his body half round, and as soon as his eyes rested upon the stranger stopped abruptly, the instrument giving an impatient quaver as the bow fell away from the strings. He stared blankly at Cynthia, but said nothing.

"Mr. Henry Bruce, father, of the Mesquite valley ranch," said his daughter, with a sudden blush. "He's lost his pony, fell in the river and wants to know if you can take care of him over night."

The old man stared again, laid down his bow and fiddle upon the doorstone, extended a heavy hand to Bruce, and after closing upon the latter's fingers and lifting his arm as if it had been a pump handle restored them to him a trifle crushed and without uttering a word. The same formality was then gone through with the younger individual, whom Cynthia addressed as Buck Jerrold. This gentleman managed to ejaculate "Howdy?" in a tone as mechanical as the previous gesture.

Meanwhile old Dallas had straightened out his legs, crossed them, and with his hands clasped over his knees was gazing up into his guest's face with a puzzled gravity that began to be embarrassing.

"Whar be yo' from?" he finally said, with a doubtful look, putting his hand to his ear, as if he were listening from a remote locality. "Whar did yo say yo' were from?"

Bruce was about to reply when Cynthia interposed and repeated her previous remark more emphatically. "He's somewhat deaf, ye see; he gets so far over [illegible] that it takes him a long time to [illegible] back," she explained.

"Been in the river and lost his [illegible]," the elder Dallas finally ejaculated slowly, as if a light was breaking in upon him. Then he rubbed his hands together and chuckled softly to himself, turning his head to one side and closing one eye as if there was something very amusing in the recollection.

"Waal, waal! Ef this yer state ain't gettin swamped with tenderfoots my name ain't Alcides! Lost his hoss—let it walk off and leave him," he repeated, chuckling again. "Ye ought to build up a bustin fire in that thar grate, Buck, and thaw him out, I reckon," pointing to the open hearth within. "Ye kin do that much."

Bruce, who had listened to the commentary of the elder Dallas upon his mishap with outward imperturbability, but inward impatience, hereupon attempted to say something in his own defense, when Cynthia broke in:

"Pretty near as bad a case, father, as when old Jule went off and left you down at the 'live oak water hole,' the time you got down to doctor thet old ewe that was snake bit, aren't it?" she commented.

"It's gettin dark," said the old man, rising abruptly and with a sudden cracking of his rheumatic joints—"it's gettin dark, and I reckon we better go in." He stooped and made a feeble clutch for his relinquished fiddle, but his halting knees were unequal to the effort, and Jerrold handed it to him. He turned on the doorstep and picked a note or two with absent eyes and a wandering hand.

"There ain't but two bedrooms in the house outside the settin room, and them's occupied," he said vaguely, as if to the remote landscape, punctuating his discourse with nervous strumming of the instrument. "Ye'll hev to 'make down' with Buck and me on the floor afore the fire. Ez for dry clothes, the only extrys on hand at this ranch is a buffalo robe and a yaller 'slicker'—ye kin take yer ch'ice. P'raps, ez it is, and thar being a corner in dry goods outside o' woman's duds and fixin's, ye better let them clothes o' yourn dry on ye and het up from the inside. Ye look stout, and I'll allow ye kin stand it. Cynthy, what's thet rye whisky the sheriff gin me over at the 'barbecue' last week? Ye might bring it out and start your friend onto it. Buck, go to the woodpile and fetch an armful of wood."

So saying and without pausing for a reply he at once led the way within, followed by Bruce and Cynthia. A wood fire burned upon the ample hearth, the leaping flames roaring and crackling up the great chimney and lighting up the dim interior with fantastic play of light and shadow. The room was bare and scantily furnished; the ceiling peaked, showing the joinings and rafters of the roof. In the center of the rough floor stood a long wooden table already set for the evening meal. A few poor prints, recklessly lavish in coloring and villainously out of drawing, hung upon the walls.

A door at the opposite end of the room gave upon the neighboring kitchen. Thence proceeded the rattle of cooking utensils and a savory steam that appealed to the fatigued and hungry sportsman. A few minutes later Cynthia appeared, accompanied by an old negress, turbaned and of middle age, who carried a large brown jug and a couple of glasses. This was the ebony Amelia, the presiding genius of the mysterious and appetizing realm she had just quitted.

She handed a tumbler to Bruce as he stood with his back to the blazing hearth exhaling a cloud of steam in his efforts to act upon the old man's advice, and throwing the jug over the hollow of her elbow by a dexterous movement of a black forefinger slipped through the handle stood ready to administer the liquid refreshment.

"Say when, sah!" she directed, tilting the liquor at a rapid gate into the proffered glass.

"When!" said Bruce hastily, glancing at Cynthia over his half filled tumbler.

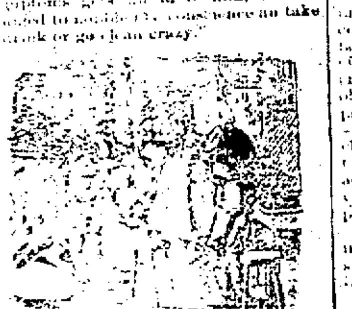
"Yah!" laughed the ebony Amelia, chuckling and favoring the young man with a dazzling dental display in her amusement. "Dat ain't a 'marker' fo' a young chap wot's jes' be'n baptized! Heah, boss!" turning to old Dallas, who had been silently regarding Bruce and his protestations against her generosity, "show this gemmen wot you 'lows to be de [illegible] rejuvenator.' Dey am no scarcity o' dat article!"

Alcides Dallas stole a quick glance at Cynthia as she sat between the two dogs dozing in the corner of the hearthstone, with one arm around the prostrate Aurelia and her eyes gazing into the blazing grate. Then he stamped eagerly forward.

"My shoulder been a leetle bad today whar I was throwed last spring at the 'roundup,'" he remarked apologetically, his eyes still upon the silent Cynthia, "and thet old centypede bite of five year agone still a goin fur me at times and contributin to make life a weariness of the flesh, I reckon a small snifter taken under such depressin circumstances might operate as a blessin in disguise."

He paused after this lengthy explanation, put his tongue in his cheek and looked warily around. There was a dead silence. Mr. Buck Jerrold, who had just entered stooping under a heavy load of wood, cast down his burden upon the blazing hearth amid a shower of sparks, and leaning against the chimney piece grinned incredulously as he listened to the old man's catalogue of his infirmities. Cynthia sat still between the dogs and said nothing.

"It's powerful tonic, Al," remarked Mr. Jerrold slowly, rubbing his bearded chin and [illegible] his lips, "how long it does take to [illegible] thet that centypede pizen out of a man's unfortinet system when [illegible] he's be'n bit. You don't seem to hev no kind o' success, although ye've be'n gettin ye'self off and on for it nigh onto five years. That's Jed Smallwood, who [illegible] outside o' [illegible] Jim Wily's rat [illegible] down on one durin [illegible] years ago, an he's used the [illegible] ever since then, he allows, fur [illegible] now when the old symptoms gits ahead of him, an he's obliged to [illegible] the consequence an take a drink or go clean crazy."



"And thet ol' centypede bite of five year agone still a goin fur me at times."

The old man turned, with his glass in his hand, and looked doubtfully at Buck Jerrold, as if to fathom the sincerity of his remarks.

"That's so," he said gravely. "Thar's them as believes ye never kin git over it! Thar's others thinks it's jest flyin in the face o' Providence to ever sign the pledge after ye've once be'n bit. The train of [illegible] and worryment thet an old-bodied centypede kin let loose forever runs on an unfortunet critter's distracted insides is too harrowin fur argyment."

But here the humor of his reflections infected even Bruce's sepulchral gravity, and the corners of his mouth twitched; he turned his back on Cynthia, permitted Amelia to fill his glass to the brim, and, covering it with his whole hand so that the amount of his potation was concealed from his audience, he drained it with surprising facility. He returned to his seat apparently refreshed.

Cynthia rose at once with a sigh, and repairing to the closet returned with a large tablespoon and an ominous looking bottle.

"Now, father," she said, standing before him and looking anxiously into his face, "it's time to take the 'counter irritant.' If your shoulder is plaguin you again tonight, you want your dose. I s'pose it tastes about as bad as it smells, but it's only a minute, you know, and it's all over, and then we won't hear any more about 'sufferin humanity' the rest of the evening."

She poured out a tablespoonful of the mixture and held it toward him coaxingly.

"Go 'long, now, Cynthy!" ejaculated the old man, waving his medicinal favor aside. "Ye don't reckon I wanter mix two kinds o' medicine to onct, do yer? Thar ain't no sense in sech work ez thet! Wot I jes' took is kalkerlated to fortify me ag'in the lingerin effects o' thet thar pizen critter's bite, and thet Injun cholylygog hez jest the opposite effect and would be wearin on the narves. No, Cynthy, I'm feelin better a'ready, sis, and I don't know ez I owe my inside any partickler grudge to be depressin it to thet extent."

He turned his back abruptly upon his daughter and her solicitations, and swinging round in the wooden chair on which he sat crossed his legs and gazed fixedly into the blazing coals with an expression upon his withered face from which there was no appeal.

Thus repulsed in her efforts to counteract what she believed to be the dangerous tendencies of liquor, Cynthia made one more appeal.

"But you know, father, Dr. Stethyscope prescribed this for you whenever you were feelin blue and out of spirits," she pleaded, a pretty trouble gathering in her anxious brows.

"Dr. Stethyscope is a crank and a cussed fool!" returned the elder Dallas sharply, still with averted back. "I kin run my own inside without any advice from him, I reckon. Wot's more," he added, with a grin that disclosed a few lonely and discolored teeth in his upper jaw, "jest at present I'm not out of sperrits."

He glanced at Mr. Buck Jerrold leaning against the chimneypiece and winked boldly, as if to clinch the suggestion.

Cynthia, heaving another little sigh, poured the contents of the tablespoon back into the bottle and replaced it in the cupboard with an air of resignation. She then returned to her seat in the corner of the hearth between the sleeping dogs.

Meanwhile Amelia had crossed the room to a point near the lounging Mr. Jerrold and stood listening seriously to the dialogue between father and daughter before proffering her services to him. She now performed the same gymnastic feat with the jug and extended the old man's empty tumbler.

"I hain't no use for it," replied Mr. Jerrold listlessly, not changing his attitude, but permitting his large gray eyes to wander in the direction of Cynthia. "Never havin be'n bit yet and bein favored with a right smart appetite for good works gin'rally, I kin jest naturally run myself satisfactory without regularly firin up the machinery. Now and then in a matter of business, ef a man don't come to time over a hoss trade or swappin cattle when the facts don't, so to speak, keep tally with the argyments, liquor is well enough to bring conviction. It's a powerful exhorter and convincer of the jedgment, but for ordinary daily livin and dyin I don't need any in mine, and I reckon I oughter be glad on't."

Having delivered himself to this effect he glanced quickly at Cynthia again and relapsed into silence. Amelia helped herself gravely to the contents of the tumbler, with the remark that she hated to see "sech good whisky lef' like dat clean out 'n do cold," and then departed abruptly for the kitchen. Cynthia raised her beautiful eyes to Jerrold and thanked him for his reflections with a smile so sweet and engaging that Bruce, wet as he was, set down his half filled glass upon the mantel shelf as quietly as possible. Then a silence fell upon the little group—perhaps induced by the drowsy warmth and that tendency to reverie promoted by a blazing fire. The snoring of the dogs fast asleep upon the hearthstone was heard distinctly in the stillness.

These reflections were broken in upon a few minutes later by Amelia, who emerged from the kitchen carrying a big dish of fried catfish and a steaming coffeepot, which she placed at the head of the table.

"Cynthy," said the old man, taking his seat at the festive board without further ceremony, "tell Ameelyer to hurry up with them flapjacks and potatoes. I'm nigh starved! Set down, boys, and don't be hankerin after victuals thet's jes' gittin cold afore yer eyes. Cynthy, you pour the coffee, and I'll rastle with the fish."

With this homely introduction he at once attacked the viands. The rest of the company cheerfully followed suit.

Later, when the appetite of the voracious Alcides Dallas had succumbed to the abundant supply of catfish and flapjacks, they all returned to the fire and seated themselves variously about the blazing hearth. After a long interval of staring at the incandescent coals the old man delivered himself sententiously to this effect:

"It be'n a leetle chilly here this evenin'," in a low, confidential tone, as if in confidence to the glowing embers—"it be'n a leetle chilly tonight, I allow thet ef I axed Ameelyer to make a good pitcher o' [illegible] it might help matters and [illegible] the mists of adversity and desperation not so monotonously prevail—that is, if them durned hens hev concluded to lay at all lately. Ye see, we've [illegible] on thet rye whisky," he added, by way of apology. "Ameelyer, [illegible] hev ye got to give of them [illegible]?"

Amelia, who was busily engaged clearing away the remnants of the recent supper, paused at the table in the act of scraping a dish.

"Bless yo' soul, boss, do hens am all rockin'! I'se done got five eggs a day ever since I fed 'em thet raw meat."

"I want to know!" said the old man in gratified surprise, without removing his eyes from the hearth. "Waal, then, you might [illegible] about a dozen o' them eggs in a pitcher and empty the rest o' thet jug onto 'em to keep 'em from spilin. I'm anxious not to get them pains ag'in. P'raps it won't do to keep my supper waitin too long for it."

"[illegible]!" exclaimed Amelia, rolling her eyes in amazement, "yo' dean' wan' de hole jug o' whisky in dem eggs, boss! Do yo' wan' cook 'em into one paste same as an omlet? One teaspoonful to [illegible], sah—dat am do correc' proportion."

"Waal, let her go at thet, then!" sighed the old man querulously, "so long ez you don't give thet centypede time to get to work on my inside afore yer on hand with it."

Amelia disappeared in the kitchen forthwith and soon returned with the coveted beverage in an earthen pitcher. The glasses were filled and set round.

"Thet's a right peart shootin iron o' your'n, Mr. Bruce!" said the old man, picking up the latter's breechloader as it stood in a corner of the hearthstone and curiously examining it.

"Jeewhittaker! It works like a rifle, don't it? Waal, now, that lays way over the 'Silent Mary,' Buck, you bet. Cynthy, bring 'Mary' out! She's standin in the corner. I loaded her today, darter," he added in a low tone of voice as if thinking aloud, "with a handful o' salt in case that blasted Capting Foraker comes callin on ye ag'in durin the next fortnight. I hain't no other use for him, and I reckon he knows it!"

Cynthia made no reply to this remark of Alcides, but soon returned to the hearth carrying with difficulty an enormous muzzle loading shotgun. It was double barreled and evidently designed for killing geese at long range.

"I call her the 'Silent Mary,'" said the old man, setting the unwieldy weapon between his knees and regarding it admirably, "out of a feelin of gentle sarcasm. She's about the loudest in argyment of any shootin iron I ever see. And what she hez to say generally strikes home—sometimes both ways. I reckoned the drum of my ear one time was plumb busted! But lookin at her by and large," he added, tapping the barrel and surveying the great gun, "'Mary' hez more p'ints and more 'git thar' than anythin I ever yet p'inted into a flock o' geese or wild duck."

He turned his head slowly and regarded Bruce.

"I dare say," the latter replied considerately, "you can count on that gun for very long range, but I find mine convenient for ordinary shooting. Won't you try a cigar?"

He opened a leather cigar case and held it toward him. The old man took one as a matter of course, but pursued his reflections. Bruce extended the case to Jerrold, and then lighting one himself blew a cloud into the open fireplace.

"I don't allow thet you'll believe me," said old Dallas, biting off the whole lower end of the weed before fitting it carefully between his scant teeth, "but I hev killed geese with 'Mary' ez far as 150 yards. I'd like to git a 'bead' with her on them fellers ez stole Old Spike and them running hogs o' our'n, Buck," he broke out suddenly.

Mr. Buck Jerrold assented grimly, laying a significant hand on a revolver he wore in his belt and tilting his cigar in his mouth reflectively.

"Are you meeting with any loss in that way?" inquired Bruce, quietly glancing at both. "I've had a little trouble of that kind myself lately."

"Thar's," drawled the old man, "there's allus suthin goin wrong with yer live stock. Ef it ain't cows it's hosses, and ef it ain't hosses it's hogs. Them black and white hogs o' mine are runnin free, to be sure, but they're good a good road brand, and thar ain't no excuse for huntin 'em. But they's pork with my brand fur sale down at San Marcus all the same. I reckon it's Lem Wickson and his gang. I've sent word to the sherif, and he'll be over here some day to talk it over. I perpose to hev the law on 'em.

"Dadburn the luck!" he broke out suddenly as recent disasters increased his impatience. "There's them fine wooled Vermont bucks out in the pen. One on 'em didn't come to time yesterday at sundown. Found him lyin stiff and cold in the mornin—pizened on laurel, I reckon! It's enough to gravel the patience of Job, durned if it ain't!"

He leaned back in his chair and took a long, consolatory sip of the eggnog in his tumbler with evident zest. All at once the air without was filled with cries, as if all bedlam were let loose—shrieks, barks and yells that, from their number and frequency, might have proceeded from 50 throats.

"There they go, them durned coyotes!" ejaculated the old man, turning to listen. "I reckon they're wranglin over the carcass o' thet poor old buck. I never hear one o' them devils tune up," he continued slowly, "but wot I think o' my wife ez was onct on how she could 'hold the fort' of any one give her a reasonable opportunity. I'd back her ag'in anythin I ever seen yet. Thar was times in my fam'ly," he added, sinking his voice almost to a whisper, "when I fust come to Texas an started in the hotel business, an the frontier not, so to speak, exactly jibin with Marier's eccentricities—thar was times in my family when nothin short of a menagerie at feedin time could ekel it. I useter sit by them times tryin to console myself with the idea thet I hed the biggest domestic circus in the Lone Star country. Thar wasn't much comfort in thet somehow. But I'm here yet," he concluded triumphantly. "Marier ain't, though," he added after a pause.

"Is your wife dead, sir?" inquired Bruce, with all the gravity he could assume. Cynthia glanced up at him with a pained look.

"Don't git Al started on married life—don't, nat'rally!" interposed Jerrold hastily, with a warning gesture.

But the train was already fired.

"Dead!" exclaimed Alcides Dallas, "thet's wot I'd like to know. Matterymony," he remarked, deliberately stretching out his cramped legs, burying his hands deep in the pockets of his ducking trousers and gazing dejectedly before him with bent head as if consulting an unhallowed past, "matterymony is a lottery, my friend, whar thar's more blanks than prizes, and, understand me, I'm capable o' jedgin, fur I lived with Marier nigh onto 10 years, and hevin graduated—not with high honors, but all the same havin graduated—I'm tol'ble well up on the subjec'.

"It's jest ez I say to Cynthy here. She's a good little girl, though, and don't gin'rally give me any trouble on thet score—not to say thet I wouldn't be glad to see Cynthy hitched in double harness, purvided her pardner was an honest sort o' hoss, warranted sound and kind and not likely to kick in the traces. But thar's allus thet risk, and nothin's more uncertain than marryin, I allow, unless it be swappin hosses. My old granny useter say to my sisters—and God knows why I didn't profit by it, I heard it all my life—'Gals, don't be in a hurry, fur ef you git a good husband you'll be well paid fur waitin, and ef you make a mistake you'll hev plenty long enough to live with him.' I kin only repeat the same thing to Cynthy and hope she'll hev more sense than I hed on the subjec'. Still Cynthy knows wot I think a'ready."

He paused and glanced significantly at Mr. Buck Jerrold, who pulled his hat brim over his eyes, as if to shade them from the glare of the fire. Cynthia moved uneasily in her corner, blushed crimson and stole a glance at Bruce from under her drooping lashes.

The old man drained his tumbler to the dregs, set it down on the table with emphasis and proceeded:

"Still all this ain't nuther here nor there. I kem to Texas arter the war from Caroliny. Marier and I hed got along pretty well back in the States; fit occasionally, ye know, but that's expected arter the fust two years. Things was flat in Caroliny. I 'lowed to git out whar the kentry was new; sold out, tuck Cynthy—she was only a baby then—and Marier—I might better hev left her, but I didn't know enough—and kem to Texas and started into the hotel bizness. I done well 'nuff at fust and made money. My house was full all the while of sheep and cattlemen—good pay and plenty of it.

"But bimeby, arter the novelty wore off, Marier allowed thet the kentry didn't quite keep up to her expectations and begun takin an inventory of the guests stoppin at the house ter alleviate her grief at the fact. The fust feller thet she seemed to find kalkerlated to overcome the monotony of the frontier was this here Capting Foraker I loaded 'Mary' fur this arternoon. She met him at a 'barbecue' and run with him consid'rable fur a spell. Of course I had suthin to say on that subjec', and arter awhile this Foraker he quit callin. It might hev bin because I was right smart at makin warts on silver dollars throwed up in the air them days, but I don't discuss that subjec'. Then there was a sewin machine agent who presented Marier with a machine, and thereby savin Marier consid'rable sewin at nights give her an opportunity of showin her gratitude by playin the piany fur him onnecessarily in the parlor.

"About the same time my mendin began to be uncertain and permiskies, and the fam'ly menagerie was on daily exhibition. The agent fin'ly went east, and Marier languished for awhile, but one day a jewelry drummer kem through—a slick chap, with plenty o' samples o' pinchbeck and gewgaws. Her spirits rose ag'in and never faltered from that time forward. They rose so high this time thet she left town with thet feller one night, and I ain't laid eyes on her sence. Marier never done things by halves, and I never could quite onderstand why it was she left Cynthy here behind, but it was a fortunate thing for me she did, or I reckon I'd setted my account with a 6-shooter during the next fortnight. Not but wot I'd been willin to settle here fast, though," he added significantly.

"I'd preferred to have left this world with suthin to my credit. Arter that I quit the hotel bizness and kem here. I lent money on live stock and did pretty well. Buck here and me own right smart o' cattle together, and he looks arter 'em, bein foreman o' Judge Reynolds' ranch and spryer and younger. I ain't heard of Mrs. Dallas sence, and now I don't wanter.

"It's gettin late," he said abruptly, "and I reckon we'd better make down."

He rose with a yawn and an impatient kick at the dying embers. Cynthia rose, too, and calling the dogs put them out of doors for the night, after which she dropped the gentlemen a quaint courtesy and retired to her bedroom.

The old man went to a closet, from which he took three gray blankets and threw them down on the floor. "One apiece," he said with primitive hospitality, drawing off his boots and wrapping his ducking coat around them to serve for a pillow. He rolled himself in his blanket, his feet toward the fire, and was soon asleep and snoring loudly. Nothing was left but for Bruce and Jerrold to follow suit. This they accordingly did.

But toward morning they were aroused by Alcides rising impatiently and stumping noisily to the door. A few minutes elapsed and there was a fearful explosion, the bare room lighting up with the red flash. Bruce sat up at once, rubbing his sleepy eyes and inquiring the cause of the disturbance. Even in his confused alarm he heard Cynthia laughing to herself in her little bedroom.

"It's nothin but cows," said Mr. Buck Jerrold, turning over with a yawn in his blanket. "The old man left a pair of good breeches out on the fence to dry this evenin, and I reckon them salt starved cattle hev been chawin onto 'em in the course o' their pryin round. He's seen fit to turn loose onto them the load which he said he give 'Mary' this arternoon on account o' Foraker. It's a way of saltin 'em that's quite pop'lar here at the ranch."

CHAPTER IV.

Dawn came, lacing with rose and amber the severing east. With the first rays of light the cries of wild geese were heard flying in long harrow toward the river, and also the faint clang of mallard and shelldrake passing overhead. These sounds awoke Bruce, who rose cramped and stiff and leaned against the chimneypiece in lazy admiration of the pageantry of early morning seen through the shutterless windows of the ranch.

He glanced down at the tumbled heap of blankets at his feet. Only one of his companion bedfellows met his eye. Mr. Buck Jerrold had already arisen, leaving his disordered enwrappings in a tangled coil, very much as a snake casts its skin. The old man, his hands folded upon his breast, lay flat upon his back, snoring dismally.

Bruce regarded him a moment with an amused smile, and then true to the sportsman's instinct drew on his shooting jacket, caught up his gun from the corner of the hearth and stepped out into the cool, clear air.

As he did so he beheld Mr. Buck Jerrold saddling his roan cow pony and evidently making preparations for an early departure.

"Where away at this hour of the morning?" he inquired, sauntering up.

"Back to the ranch. I've got more'n 50 young lambs to look after, I reckon."

"You're not going off before breakfast?" Bruce inquired, leaning on the gate.

"I reckon so. I don't call 10 miles afore breakfast any great shakes."

"That depends on the rider," Bruce replied pleasantly. "I don't think any one could hire me to ride 10 miles this morning without a cup of coffee at least. I feel as lame and stiff as if I'd been dragged at the end of a lariat through a thick chaparral."

"Oh, I've hed my coffee, you can bet yer life!" Jerrold replied. "Amelia's up [illegible] she ain't the woman to let a man start out without suthin under his jacket. I say, pardner, of you're in any great hurry to get back to the Mesquite valley, bein ez you're turned foot loose and without a nag to ride on, ye can hev Buckshot here fer $25," indicating his roan. "He ain't handsome, but he's good for twice thet distance, ez smart ez ye want to jine him. He's fast and sure footed both and don't buck nuther. Ye needn't keep yer friends waitin and anxious. I kin rope one o' the old man's 'kaveyard' and get off easy with half an hour's delay."

He paused, bringing the much lauded Buckshot smartly around by a blow of his quirt as he did so, at the same time stooping and tightening the flank girth.

Buckshot, a large, raw boned, spotted horse with vicious eyes and Roman nose, laid his ears back in protest; then he sprang clear of the ground with back arched like a cat and rigid legs, striking the earth at every bound, as if there were no such property known to matter as elasticity. He varied this unique performance at intervals by a plunging movement fore and aft, like a stout ship in a heavy sea. The result was soon obvious. Amid a whirling vortex of blinding dust and flying hoofs the saddle began to turn. When Buckshot suspended his exertions a few minutes later and struck a snorting and indignant tableau with fiery eyes and flaring nostrils the saddle was upside down and hanging loosely between his four feet.

"No!" said Bruce quietly, vaulting lightly over the fence, after witnessing this interesting performance. "I see now plainly that Buckshot does not buck. He is only a little opposed to your 'cinching' the flankgirth. But I think I shall get along here very well, Mr. Jerrold, until my partner, Phil Kernochan, looks me up or something favorable happens. He knew that my general direction was the Colorado river, and that I was out after turkeys. Meanwhile the hunting is good, and I think I'll shoot a brace of mallards before the family is stirring. Adios! Drop in and see us the next time you're over our way. There they come now!" he exclaimed, shoving a couple of shells into his gun, as he marked a small flock of duck coming down the wind. "Adios!"

So saying he turned his back upon the discomfited horse trader, and Mr. Buck Jerrold sprang at once into the saddle. Before he was fairly seated the vicious Buckshot essayed to repeat his previous exploit, but he reckoned without his host. Mr. Jerrold had improved the interval to lash a small stick back of the pommel, and now, braced firmly by his viselike thighs, he drove his cruel spurs into the flanks of the horse at every bound and ruthlessly applied the heavy quirt.

"Everythin's fair in a hoss trade," he shouted, apparently enjoying the animal's gymnastics. "I swapped this critter yestiddy for a pair of leather leggins and a hoss hair lariat to boot. The hoss I got rid of, though, hed the lampers, an was dog poor at thet. The fust time the other feller attempts to put him on grain he'll find he's got a losin contract."

He clapped his spurs again into the discomfited Buckshot, and wheeling him sharply around by a jerk on the bridle was off like a thunderbolt.

Bruce was already far away in pursuit of the flying mallard. He had marked them down in a long water hole bordered by low bushes. As he crept up to the edge of the pool he caught a glimpse of the "green head" drake, a startled silhouette against the misty bank, with neck outstretched and eye alert. His glossy mates swung silently upon the silver mirror of the pool in the morning's gray.

In an instant the wary bird was up and away, but Bruce stopped him with his right barrel, and he fell with a heavy plump upon the farther bank, his red legs straddling awkwardly as he came down. The next moment the air was full of flying teal, rising with frightened clamor and whirring away to the left. Bruce let the other mallard go and gave the teal his left barrel, thinking of Cynthia and her damaged bonnet. Three dropped to his shot. He picked up his game hurriedly, not without a little inward exultation. There was one drake among the teal. The bright little fellow fairly gleamed in brown and emerald—his head a banded flash of color, his wings a fluttering revelation.

Bruce stood still a moment, regarding admiringly the beauties of the dying bird. A light film was setting on the flashing eye. He could not help thinking what an improvement he might make in Cynthia's appearance were he enabled to preserve the beauty of the plumage for her adornment. With masculine self confidence he aspired for the moment to become her milliner.

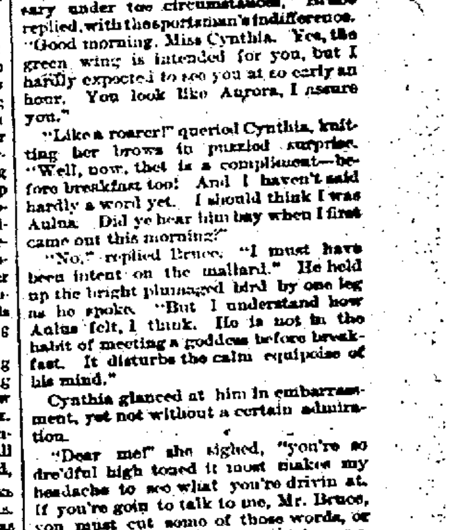
"Ain't he a daisy?" said a musical voice.

He turned in surprise. Cynthia stood before him—a blushing Aurora, the roses of the dawn in her dimpled cheeks, the amber of the sunrise in her golden hair. With the occasional recklessness of her sex, she had arrayed herself more with an eye to picturesque effect than common prudence. She recognized the fact that there was an observer upon the scene of action more appreciative than usual.

Under the circumstances her defiance of season and climate had a touch of sublimity. She had donned a pale blue muslin dress, exquisitely becoming, I grant, but a relic of the previous summer and of a much higher temperature. The hat on her head was of straw and supported a whole parterre of roses and a long, curling feather, and she had on a pair of high heeled French slippers. They were quite wet through, and the embroidered stockings, which a charming sense of consistency in dress had impelled her to wear were beaded and flashing with dew.

Immediately after addressing Bruce she glanced down at her feet with some solicitude, her light skirts gathered daintily in her left hand. She frowned at the slippers, already turning purple at the toes.

"I reckon I've spoiled 'em the first time I put 'em on," she said. "However, there's lots more where they came from!" tossing her head with the general suggestion that French slippers are a gratuitous donation from obliging shoemakers to the fair sex—an attitude quite carefully preserved by womankind toward eligible bachelors, along with a becoming disregard of the necessity of capital. "Is thet green wing for me, Mr. Bruce?" she inquired, with a politeness of manner which seemed quite as unseasonable, in her own case, as her faultless attire, and in a sense to have been assumed with the gorgeous hat. She glanced eagerly at Bruce as he stood separating the bright pinion from the duck's body and flashing the gleaming plumes in the sunlight.



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"Oh, what a lovely little duck—a bantam!" she exclaimed, with a sudden feminine intuition of ornithology. "Isn't he cute!" Then her eye fell upon a blood spot on the breast, and she looked suddenly grave. "Do you reckon it hurt him much to kill him?" she pleaded.

"Not any more than was strictly necessary under the circumstances," Bruce replied, with the sportsman's indifference. "Good morning, Miss Cynthia. Yes, the green wing is intended for you, but I hardly expected to see you at so early an hour. You look like Aurora, I assure you."

"Like a roarer!" queried Cynthia, knitting her brows in puzzled surprise. "Well, now, thet is a compliment—before breakfast too! And I haven't said hardly a word yet. I should think I was Aulna. Did ye hear him bay when I first came out this morning?"

"No," replied Bruce. "I must have been intent on the mallard." He held up the bright plumaged bird by one leg as he spoke. "But I understand how Aulus felt, I think. He is not in the habit of meeting a goddess before breakfast. It disturbs the calm equipoise of his mind."

Cynthia glanced at him in embarrassment, yet not without a certain admiration.

"Dear me!" she sighed, "you're so dre'dful high toned it most makes my headache to see what you're drivin at. If you're goin to talk to me, Mr. Bruce, you must cut some of those words, or it'll interfere with our getting acquainted."

She looked up at him in bewitching perplexity. The level rays of the rising sun shone full in her eyes, and she drew down her hat brim with an impatient dimpled hand.

Thus besought in reference to his mythological quotations, Bruce made haste to explain briefly to Cynthia the fable of Aurora and Tithonus. She listened with amused surprise. When he had finished with the lamentable old age that overtook that unfortunate lady's husband, she sighed and expressed herself:

"So he turned out to be a grasshopper at last, eh? Thet was pleasant! Served her right, though, for wantin him to live forever. A girl oughtn't to get gone on any man to that extent—forever is an awful long trip! A grasshopper. Mebbe thet's what father means when he says matterymony has so much to do with 'kickin'!" She glanced inquiringly up at Bruce. The latter laughed outright at this commentary. At once she turned her back on him and regarded the sunrise.

"So you think I look like thet, do you?" she said after a pause, turning to him with a sudden gratification of manner and pointing with a rosy forefinger to where the tints of dawn were being rapidly lost in the splendor of the coming day.

Bruce nodded.

She walked on a few minutes in silence, with gathered skirts and a coy scrutiny of his face from under her drooping lashes. A pleased smile lingered on her face.

"How is it that you happen to be out to see the truth of the comparison?" the young man inquired.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

Republican caucuses will be held in accordance with the rules adopted by the Republican party of McKean county on Saturday July 15th, 1893, at the customary hours, to elect delegates to the Republican County Convention which will be held at the Court House, in Smethport, on Tuesday July 18th 1893, at 2 p.m. for the following purposes:

To nominate a candidate for Sheriff.
To nominate a candidate for Prothonotary, &c.
To nominate a candidate for District Attorney.
To nominate two candidates for County Commissioner.
To nominate two candidates for County Auditor.
To nominate a candidate for Coroner.
To elect two delegates to represent McKean county in the Republican State Convention.
To elect a Chairman of the County Committee and to transact such other business as may come before the Convention.

By order of the Republican County Committee.

L. ROGERS, Chairman.
A. B. WALKER, Secretary.

NOTE. The present Rules for the government of the Republican party of McKean county, provide that Republican caucuses shall be held at the regular polling places in each election district on the day fixed by the Republican County Committee, and shall be opened except in the township of Foster at 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, and kept open at least two hours and no longer, unless the caucus before commencing to ballot decide by vote that the caucus be kept open longer than two hours, and if so decided the length of time which it shall be kept open must be fixed by the caucus: provided however, that in Foster township the caucus shall be opened at 4 o'clock p.m. & kept open for at least three hours subject however to the foregoing provisions; and that the caucuses in the township of Corydon shall be held between the hours of two and four p.m.

Caucuses in new districts shall be held at such places as the court shall have designated for holding elections.

☞ No political announcements will be inserted in this paper without being paid in advance. Prices for announcing are as follows:

For Sheriff [illegible]
Prothonotary [illegible]
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" Auditor [illegible]
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF.

EDITOR OF MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean county subject to the usages of the Republican party.

A. B. WALKER.

Bradford, Pa. June [illegible] 1893.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

F. Wilson, of Otto township, desires to be announced as a candidate for County Commissioner subject to the rules of the Republican County Convention.

DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

F. A. LYTE.

Kane, Pa. June 12, 1893.

HON. J. [illegible] of Mercer county has been endorsed by that county as well as Lawrence, Blair and Clearfield Conventions for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer.

ONE of the most frantic Republican papers in the country is the St. Louis Globe Democrat. It says that the Missouri Democrats are making more money by train robbing than by office seeking.

EX-SENATOR AMOS MYLIN of Lancaster will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for auditor general next year and he is every way worthy of recognition at the hands of the Republican party.

[illegible] says that he will call an extra session of Congress not earlier than the first nor later than the fifteenth of September, unless unexpected contingencies should necessitate an earlier meeting.

So, the only menace to the country's welfare and prosperity is the financial condition. Mr Cleveland himself admits that the Protection system and the McKinley Tariff are all right.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

S. W. SMITH of McKean county was infested last fall in his political aspirations and he forthwith turned on his old political friends and the party that had honored him in the past, charging officials with all sorts of corruption and dishonesty. Now the tables are turned and the records being published in the MINER shows that S. W. Smith is not an angel to say the least.—Emporium Press.

HON. HARRY ALVIN HALL, of St. Marys, Elk county, whose term as Senator from the Elk, Cameron and Clarion district ended with the late session of the Legislature was appointed U. S. district attorney by President Cleveland, for the western district of Pennsylvania, on Monday last. Mr Hall was earnestly supported by Harrity and as earnestly opposed by the Congressional combine west of the mountains.

SENATOR QUAY in speaking of the financial situation a few days since in Philadelphia, expresses the opinion that the Cleveland administration is without a financial policy; that Carlisle should not longer delay the issuing of bonds, and that Harrison with undoubted evidence what was coming, might readily have met the situation squarely with an issue of bonds. He thinks, however, with Cleveland, that the financial flurry is due more to lack of confidence than anything else and that much rests with the people themselves. He believes that the purchase of silver should be stopped at all hazards, that the Government might as well buy wheat or pig iron, and that action to test the constitutionality of the Sherman act if no remedy is at hand would meet with popular favor.

THE announcement made elsewhere in this paper by F. A. Lyte of Kane that he will be a candidate for delegate to the State Convention at the Republican County Convention to be held July 18th, will be received with favor by the Republicans of the county, particularly as he most emphatically declares that if elected his action will be in the interest of the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone for Governor, next year. That the Republicans of McKean are desirous of effecting Mr Stone's nomination, and care but little as to who is nominated for State Treasurer at the coming State Convention, is unquestionably the fact. But if a Warren county man is nominated for State Treasurer this year we do not believe the Republicans of this county will insist upon the gubernatorial nomination being given to the same county next year.

AN [illegible]

A vast amount of twaddle is being published in the Democratic papers of the county about recent "crookedness" on the part of county officials. A writer in one of these papers, over the signature of "A Taxpayer," a nom de plume almost universally used by irresponsible scribblers, who pay no taxes, says:

> It is no excuse to say that the corrupt management of recent date applies equally to the predecessors of the present incumbents. If Mr Smith's record was so bad when he held the office of County Attorney way back in the seventies, why has the MINER waited all these years before making the matter public? And if the MINER knew that predecessors of the present incumbents were mismanaging the public business, why is it that it did not make the matter known instead of waiting until the late crookedness had been exposed by someone else?

The MINER has refrained from criticizing the appeals filed several weeks ago by a few taxpayers, against the acceptance of the Auditors' Report as a matter of propriety. But the persistent and determined effort of the Democratic press to prejudice the people of the county against the present officials before they have had an opportunity to be heard in defense of their official conduct, demands notice. There are times when "forbearance ceases to be a virtue" and that this is an occasion when that rule will apply no one will question.

With all the bluster and splurge made by the man who instigated the appeal from the Auditors Report, as to the corruption and wickedness of the officials when the appeal was filed it fell flat with every intelligent citizen of the county. The rottenness and crookedness which was to be so glaringly shown up had disappeared in thin air. There was but one item in the whole document which could be tortured into even an irregularity and that was the paying to the sheriff of $3.50 per week for boarding prisoners. In allowing that price the commissioners had precedent after precedent to sustain their action. One of the gentlemen who was inveigled into signing the appeal was a former commissioner of the county. During his term the sheriff was allowed $4 a week for boarding prisoners.

But there is an old law, passed nearly a century ago, which fixes the price for boarding prisoners at 25 cents a day. Most of the counties of the State had special laws passed years ago authorizing the payment of more money. But there are a few counties, McKean being one of them, which neglected to secure such legislation, consequently if the law is strictly adhered to a sheriff would be justified in positively refusing to board prisoners. In that case they would be thrown upon the commissioners hands to be cared for. They could keep them on the inhuman diet of bread and water which our forefathers thought was good enough for even supposed violators of the law for many innocent men are for a time imprisoned.

In all the blattering about rottenness with which the Democratic papers have been filled with for months past there has not been a direct charge of wrong doing on the part of the commissioners unless the foregoing may be called such. There is nothing in the appeals even if every charge is substantiated which would convict them of dishonesty or even of improper conduct and yet the records were searched for weeks to find something upon which to base an appeal. The writer of this is under no obligation to the board of commissioners as constituted last year but every fair minded man in the county will agree with him in saying that more conscientious men never before filled the position. They endeavored to do what they believed to be right regardless of the consequences. One of the men who has been hounding them for months past whined like a whipped cur only last fall because they would not pay him $[illegible] for advertising the Election Proclamation when the MINER'S bill was only half that amount. These Democratic editors have not [illegible] charged and been paid every cent received by the Republican papers for the same advertising and other kind of printing. They never intimated that their bills were extortionate and that they were afraid they were robbing the tax payers. Oh no, they raked it in with as self satisfied an air as one shows who is receiving his honest dues.

Mr Tax Payer, whoever he is, has undoubtedly been in sweet converse with a man who tried to get his assessment reduced below other properties of like value and because the commissioners refused to do so wrote them a most insulting letter. This same man moved to Buffalo and refused to pay his taxes which the commissioners were compelled to exonerate. No sooner was Cleveland re-elected than back he came undoubtedly with the appointment of a Federal office in view. A man with barrels of money who would compromise with his creditors at 10 cts. on the dollar is a beautiful specimen to be criticising others particularly those whose shoes he is unworthy to loose. "Tax Payer" is exercised with other upstarts because we did not years ago bring to the light of day the infamous record made by Mr S. W. Smith as District Attorney. In reply to all these we have only to say that we had no knowledge of this record until within the past three months. During the period of time that Smith was filling that office the writer of this was absent from the county most of the time. Smith's term had expired before his return. Outside of the legal fraternity and a few court officials we do not believe there were twenty-five men in the county who had any idea of the enormity of that record until it began to appear in the MINER. Hadn't he set himself up as a *reformer* it probably never would have been brought to the attention of the public.

Again we call the attention of Republicans to the efforts being made by the Democratic press to disrupt the Republican party of the county.

AND as far as the Republican party is concerned, it can better endure defeat than be cowardly. It has been defeated before. It has never been cowardly. It has never dragged its flag in the dust. It has been struck at by its enemies. It has been betrayed by its friends. But as long as it had the courage of its convictions and the courage of right it has lived and held within its grasp the possibilities of future victories, even if temporarily its waving plumes were mowed down.—Iowa State Register.

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Pursuant to call, a meeting of the members of the Republican County Committee was held in the parlors of the St. James Hotel, Bradford, on Monday of this week, the several precincts of the county being represented as follows:

Bradford City, 1st ward 1st precinct—Maj. A. C. Hawkins.
Bradford City, 1st ward 2d precinct—[illegible]
Bradford City 2d ward 1st precinct—Geo. P. Booth.
Bradford City 2d ward 2d precinct—C. E. Judd.
Bradford City 3d ward—M. Albert.
Bradford City 4th ward—Louis Lauber.
Bradford City 5th ward—L. E. Sherman.
Bradford Township—W. W. White.
Corydon Township—D. D. Young.
Eldred borough—A. D. Gould.
Foster Township 1st district—E. B. Sage.
Foster Township 2d district—H. T. Morse.
Hamilton Township—E. N. Hallock.
Kane Borough 1st district—H. W. Reilly.
Kane Borough 2d district—J. W. Wagley.
Keating Township 1st district—[illegible]
Lafayette Township 1st district—[illegible]
Lafayette Township 2d district—J. C. Haven.
Norwich Township 2d district—R. H. Fort.
Otto Township 1st district—F. Wilson.
Otto Township 2d district—F. J. Newton.
Port Allegany borough—C. W. Catlin.
Smethport Borough—[illegible] McKean.

Owing to their inability to attend several of the Committeemen were represented by substitutes. In a few cases, where Committeemen had moved out of the precinct others were appointed to fill the vacancies thus created.

The Secretary not being present, being absent in Indiana, on motion C. E. Judd was elected to fill the position.

The Chairman announced that the business for which the Committee had been called together was to fix a date for holding the County Convention whereupon Mr Gould, of Eldred, offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Republican County Convention for the purpose of nominating officers and for electing delegates to the State Convention be held at the Court House in Smethport Tuesday July 18 1893 at two o'clock p.m. and that the caucuses be held on Saturday July 15.

An interchange of sentiment was had, after the fixing of the date of the Convention, as to the political situation in the county in which every member of the Committee as well as others participated. All expressed entire confidence in Republican success in November.

The meeting then adjourned.

HOW EDWIN BOOTH SAVED LINCOLN'S SON

In 1877 Mr Booth was standing on a railroad platform waiting for a train. He noticed a gentleman standing near him and saw that he seemed engrossed in his own meditations. Presently the gentleman stepped from the platform to a track and began walking upon it entirely oblivious to his surroundings. Just at this moment an engine began backing down the track. It was within a few feet of Booth's absent minded companion. On the impulse of the moment Mr Booth stepped forward and clutching him by the arm lifted him almost bodily upon the platform. So near was the engine that it struck the man's heels as he left the track. The rescued gentleman was so overcome when he realized his danger he could only bow his thanks and give his hand to his preserver. It happened that Mr Ford, in whose theater at Washington President Lincoln was assassinated by Mr Booth's brother, witnessed the scene. Stepping forward he said excitedly "Mr Booth do you know who that man was?" "No," was the reply. "It was," said Mr Ford, "Robert Lincoln, President Lincoln's son." Mr Booth afterward said that this act of his gave him more satisfaction than could be represented in any other way. In relating this Booth mentioned the fact that the only vote he ever cast was for Mr Lincoln when he ran for President the second time.

FIVE hundred government clerks were working on Friday of last week in the old Ford Theatre building in Washington, the same building in which Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in April 1865. These clerks were employed in the pension record division of the war office. Suddenly and without a moment's warning the upper floor gave way. Those on the top floor were suddenly precipitated to the floor below and the weight of falling timbers and furniture carried the second and first floors with it. Fortunately only the forward half of the floors gave way. The outer edges of the floors and the rear part of the structure remained intact. The walls did not fall. An excavation for an electric light plant was being made in the cellar of the structure, a three-story affair, and according to the best information obtainable the workmen that morning had dug beneath the foundation supports in the front of the building weakening them to such an extent that the walls gave way before they could be jacked. This explanation of the cause for the accident is the only one advanced but it seems somewhat strange in view of the fact that the top floor gave away first. Twenty four people were killed outright and a large number were seriously injured. The building had been condemned for twenty years and it is an outrage that government employes or in fact any others should be compelled to work in such death traps.

THE Rochester *Post Express* has taken the trouble to look up the record of the organization which forms the principal part of the membership of Farnham Post, New York city. The post is named after Noah L. Farnham, lieutenant colonel of the Eleventh New York infantry, who was killed at the first battle of Bull Run. The regiment was known as Ellsworth's Zouaves and was recruited from the old volunteer firemen of New York city. The survivors form the nucleus of the post. The regiment was engaged in only one battle, the First Bull Run, and its loss there was 37 killed, 73 wounded and 48 missing. It was conspicuous even on that disastrous field for cowardice and disorderly conduct. It was taken from the front and never again put under fire, and it was mustered out of the service before the expiration of its term at a time when the country needed soldiers for no apparent reason, so that the fair inference is that it was good for nothing.

THE Republicans made part of the breakfast table free in 1872 by taking off the duty from coffee and tea, and they finished the job in 1890 by putting sugar on the free list. Now let the Democrats in 1893 or any other year replace the taxes on the breakfast table if they dare.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Little vegetable health producers: De Witt's Little Early Risers cure malarious disorders and regulate the stomach and bowels, which prevent headache and dizziness.

Com. vs [illegible]
Assault and battery; nolle pros. on payment of costs; District Attorney's legal fee was $3, but S. W. Smith, District Attorney, received and receipted for $7.

Com. vs Charles Sherry et al. No. 6, June Sessions, 1876.
Keeping bawdy house, one of the defendants acquitted by the jury without charging of the costs, the other defendants never tried. Upon this record the county was not liable for any costs, yet the case was transferred to Commissioners' Cost Docket and the county paid $40.26, of this sum S. W. Smith, District Attorney, receipted for $7 and his brother, W. E. Smith, for $[illegible].

Com. vs Charles Sherry et al. No. 7, June Sessions, 1876.
Another misdemeanor case against same defendant which cost the taxpayers of McKean county in costs paid out $[illegible]. Of this sum S. W. Smith, District Attorney, receipted for $7 and his brother W. E. Smith, receipted for $[illegible].

Com. vs Thomas McGoldrick. No. 10 June Sessions, 1876.
Charged with receiving stolen goods. This case should have been tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions but District Attorney Smith prepared it to be certified to No. 4, September Term, 1876 Oyer and Terminer where the defendant was acquitted and S. W. Smith District Attorney, receipted to county for $11, had the case been tried in Quarter Sessions his legal fee would have been $3.

The next case, No. 11 June Sessions, 1876, same charge, was certified into the Oyer and Terminer where the defendant was acquitted and S. W. Smith, District Attorney, receipted to the county for $11 instead of $3, his legal fee had the case been disposed of in the Quarter Sessions where it ought to have been.

The next case No. 12, June Sessions 1876 larceny and receiving stolen goods was certified into the Oyer and Terminer where defendant was acquitted and S. W. Smith District Attorney, receipted to county for $11 instead of $3, his legal fee had the case been disposed of in the Quarter Sessions where it ought to have been. Thus by transferring Nos. 10, 11 and 12, June Sessions 1876 into the Oyer and Terminer, S. W. Smith, District Attorney received from McKean county $24 in excess of his legal fees had the cases been ended in the Court of Quarter Sessions where they ought to have been and if the additional time of court and jurors spent on these cases in the Oyer and Terminer in excess of the time required in the Quarter Sessions is taken into consideration the additional expense to the county would be much more.

Com. vs C. E. Brown. No. 5, June Sessions, 1876.
Grand Jury return true bill for false pretenses. This case was never tried and on leave of Court to settle it appears of record that the capias was [illegible] for defendant by the District Attorney and was returned satisfied and S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted upon the record for $3 fee. Thus we have a case where the District Attorney settled a criminal case and received his costs without leave of Court, so far as it appears of record.

Com. vs Almond Carpenter. No. 14 June Sessions 1876.
Charged with indecent assault and intent to ravish. Grand jury return a true bill. The record shows this case was never tried, never legally settled or disposed of by leave of Court, yet it appears to have been settled [illegible] the District Attorney as to the costs, amounting to $[illegible] which was paid to the Sheriff and of this sum S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted for $3 and his brother W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible]. Thus we have the District Attorney settling a serious criminal charge after a true bill had been found without leave of Court as appears of record and the costs went into the hands of the Smith brothers as shown by the records. The settlement of a criminal case and receiving his costs by a District Attorney without authority of law and leave of court is [illegible] and more than that is a gross violation of law.

Com. vs T. and Jos. Barber. No. 45 June Sessions 1876.
Charged with receiving stolen goods. Certified to No. [illegible] Oyer and Terminer September Sessions 1876 defendant found guilty. S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted to county commissioners for $11, which was $3 in excess of his legal fee if the case had been disposed of in the Quarter Sessions where it ought to have been. Note that W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible]. Total costs paid by the county in this case $[illegible].

Com. vs T. and J. Barber. No. 43 June Sessions, 1876.
Larceny and receiving stolen goods. Certified to No. 7 Oyer and Terminer, September Sessions, 1876, defendants convicted. Total costs paid by county in this case $[illegible] of which S. W. Smith, District Attorney, receipted to county for $11 and his brother W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible].

Com. vs J. and T. Barber. No. 46 June Sessions, 1876.
Same charge as No. 43. Certified to No. 4 Oyer and Terminer, September Sessions, 1876. In this case the [illegible] of which sum S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted for $11 and his brother W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible].

Com. vs [illegible] No. 3 June Sessions 1876.
Charge keeping a gambling house; true bill. [illegible] case was settled [illegible] and somebody paid the costs. S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted for $[illegible] and W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible].

Com. vs F. and J. [illegible] No. 13, June Sessions 1876.
[illegible] This case was never tried [illegible] S. W. Smith [illegible] receipted for $3 and his brother W. E. Smith receipted for $[illegible].

Com. vs [illegible] No. [illegible] June Sessions 1876.
A true bill for larceny; nolle pros. on payment of costs. S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted for $[illegible] but his legal fee was only $3.

Com. vs A. Tuttle. No. 40 June Sessions 1876.
A true bill for larceny, verdict not guilty. S. W. Smith, District Attorney receipted to county for $7 but his legal fee was only $3.

Com. vs T. Daugherty. No. 31 June Sessions 1876.
[illegible] assault and battery [illegible] nolle pros. granted on payment of costs. S. W. Smith District Attorney receipted for $7 when his legal fee was only $3.

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Coudersport, Pa. or to
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Smethport, Pa. June 4, 1893.—6w.

Executor's Notice.

The subscriber having been appointed Executor under the last will and testament of [illegible], deceased, late of Ceres township, McKean county Pennsylvania, hereby gives notice that all persons having claims against said estate will present them for settlement without delay and all persons indebted to the estate of said decedent will settle the same with

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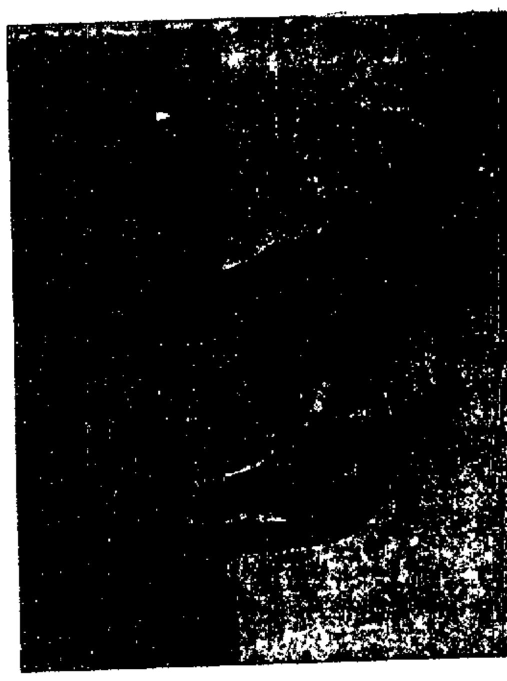

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Fishermen report indifferent luck.

There will soon be an exodus from [illegible]port for the big fair.

The economical purchaser is elated [illegible] gradual falling of bananas.

Don't fail to read a "Nymph of the [illegible]" on the first page of the MINER.

[illegible] is blocking and level[ing] the front steps of the Court House.

[illegible] change in Mrs. I. D. Nash's [adver]tisement on second page this week.

[illegible] A. Meldrum has been appoint[ed post]master of Sawyer City this coun[ty].

[illegible] Jonathan Colegrove's new [illegible] store building is progressing.

[illegible] B. Hamlin's residence on Main [illegible] has received a handsome coat of [paint].

[The] Governor has approved the ap[propriatio]n of $6,000.00 to the Bradford [illegible].

[It will] be of advantage to our readers [to care]fully note the changes in adver[tisements].

[illegible] schemes for raffling are [illegible] by the followers of the [illegible].

[illegible] Italians with a pair of large [dancing] bears entertained a crowd of [illegible] on Main street Wednesday.

[The ne]w creamery is now receiving [illegible] pounds of milk each day and [illegible] the patrons are bringing it in yet [illegible].

[illegible] Downey, Esq., of this bor[ough] celebrated his 84th birthday on [illegible] of this week. Mrs. Downey is [illegible] years younger.

Misses Knapp and Hubbard are [conduc]ting a summer school for young [chi]ldren in rooms in the second floor of the Backus building.

The sanitarium at Sizerville we learn is in a very prosperous condition and is presided over by E. P. Carter formerly of Smethport.

An underground river recently dis[co]vered, and a well ten feet deep in which the water is still frozen solid are curiosities reported in Augusta, Ill.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. [ch]urch invite you to cool off by partaking of ice cream with them at the [illegible] of Mrs. L. W. Dunn, Tuesday even[ing] June 20 from 4 to 10 o'clock.

A meeting of the directors of Keat[ing] township school district was held in [the b]asement of the Court House on Mon[day] and Tuesday. The report of the [aud]itors of that township will be found [in] this issue.

The young people of the St. Mar[y's] [illegible] society of the Episcopal church [wil]l give a supper and hold a bazar on [illegible] Young's lawn on Thursday, June [illegible] commencing at 5 p. m. All [are] invited.

Thirty New York lawyers have been retained in a case. The value of the case is represented by a figure one and [illegible] naughts. When the lawyers get [thro]ugh only the naughts will be left for [the] heirs.—*Pitts. Times*

After a recent Australian wedding [illegible] the bride and bridegroom were [go]ing on their honeymoon the guests [illegible] rose leaves over them, the [illegible] being literally covered with them [illegible] sat in the carriage.

The Pope Mfg. Co. has come forward [wi]th something new in the line of wheels. [The]y are made almost entirely of alumi[num]. These machines weigh not over [illegible] pounds. What will be the next [inno]vation in the bicycle line?

Next Sunday morning Rev. F. B. [illegible] begins a series of sermons on "The [Ei]ghth Wonder of the World." In the [eve]ning he will preach on "Glad Tidings." Miss Mattie Brennan conducts a song ser[vice] at 7 p. m. Subject, "Come."

Wilson McCord of Keating township has built within the past year one of the [fin]est farm houses in McKean county. It is handsomely located in the valley of [Cole] Creek, on the road leading to Brad[for]d, about six miles from this place.

—The third annual Band Tournament [o]f the Pennsylvania Band Association will be held in Emporium on Tuesday [an]d Wednesday next. Thirty bands will [b]e in attendance together with a grand [chor]us of 800 voices. $325 in prizes will [be] awarded.

A meeting of the Council and those [inte]rested in the grading of King street, was held in the Council Chamber on [Mon]day evening of this week. Owing [to t]he non arrival of the engineer who [ma]de the survey, the meeting was ad[j]ourned to meet at the call of the Bur[gess].

We are indebted to Messrs. Miller [illegible] proprietors of the Meadville [illegible] for a complimentary to the [illegible] be held on the same commenc[ing] [illegible] and ending July 4th. The [illegible] which will show their speed during [the]se days are certain to attract a big [crow]d.

The *Raftsman's Journal* of last week was a wonderful number and a great credit to editor McQuown. It was an [illus]trated edition giving excellent pic[tures] and sketches of the prominent men [of th]at vicinity, as well as points of in[terest] along the route of the Clearfield [and] Mahoning Railroad, the opening of which the *Journal* was celebrating. It was an important epoch in the history of Clearfield, DuBois and Reynoldsville.

—King street is fast becoming as beautiful a street for residences as there is in the borough. The borough officials have very properly decided to grade it. It will be a great improvement and certainly there can be no serious objection to it.

—Whenever it becomes necessary for this paper to borrow ideas from Godling of the Main street sheet, it will cease to be published. We do not deal in trivial gossip, which is disgusting to the people of this neighborhood, and devoid of interest to non residents.

—The native place of the potato is still an open question but it is probably the tropical regions of America. There is a tradition that the vines once grew to monstrous size and that the "balls" were of the bigness of melons and at that time the roots were not tubers, the edible parts growing among the branches.

—If it be a fact, as it is said to be, that a boy of [illegible] was born in Ohio, on the iris of whose right eye the characters 1893 are plainly delineated, while on the iris of the left eye the characters 3681 are as plainly depicted, the phenomenon can hardly be looked upon in any other light than that of a portent.—*New York Times.*

—Supervisors of roads are a class of men who manage to keep busy in the road repairing business many times to the detriment of the road and to the great annoyance of the travelling public. Why a piece of as good road as can be made should be torn to pieces by road scrapers and made almost impassible is one of the things which it is difficult to understand.

—The Ministerial Association of New Castle is making vigorous crusade against the practice of opening caskets at church funerals. The Rev. J. A. Thayer, a prominent clergyman, said: "We have been trying for some time to break up the idea that a circus must be made out of a funeral. There is nothing more disgusting to me than to see a whole congregation file around the front of a church merely to get a glimpse of a face which perhaps they have never seen before. The custom should be abolished without ceremony."

Besides the building of the new [illegible] the creamery [illegible] new store building, the Methodist chapel [illegible] are many improvements being made [illegible] buildings and private residences throughout our town. The Wright House is being greatly improved by the paint[er's] brush as also is D. [illegible] house on [Lo]wer Main street. Charley [illegible] house on Water street has been vastly improved both inside and out. A two story addition is being built on Mrs. Keller's house, Fulton street, and brother Wilson formerly editor of the *Democrat* is building on a press room to that establishment which is very much needed. In fact everybody is busy who wants to be.

The [illegible] the Infanta Eulalia [illegible] first cousins. They are also first cousins of the Count de Paris, head of the French house of Bourbon. To go back to that junction of the French and Spanish Bourbons from which they sprang: Louis Philippe of France [illegible] Montpensier. He married the Infanta Luisa of Spain, a daughter of Ferdinand VII by his fourth wife [illegible], princess of the Two Sicilies. Queen Isabella was Luisa's sister. Isabella's daughter Eulalia is the Infanta [illegible] Isabella had another child who became Alfonso XII, and his son is the present king and nephew of Eulalia. The Infanta's husband Antoine is [illegible] to the King of Spain and the [illegible] Antoine's first cousin once [rem]oved. The married couple are both in [illegible] the Infanta for [illegible] and Infante [illegible] of the Spanish and Portuguese [illegible] Eulalia is the daughter of Queen Isabella and Antoine is [illegible] of one king and son of the daughter of another.

Death of C. F. Kittredge

The [sad] intelligence was received here on Tuesday of the death of C. F. Kittredge, one of the most generally beloved men of this community. Mr. Kittredge, urged by many friends, decided to have an operation performed under Dr. R. H. [illegible] [illegible] and went to [illegible] on May [illegible]. After the operation he [illegible] continued to grow worse until the final sleep relieved him of his sufferings.

The deceased was born at Paris, Maine in the year 1830 and married in that place at an early day Miss Mary Meden. Two children both of whom are now [illegible] were born. He afterwards married Miss Phebe Knapp who died in Smethport Aug [illegible]. She was a sister of R. I. Knapp [illegible]. One [illegible] Mrs. Eliza [illegible] living in New York, survive him [illegible]. The deceased married on May [illegible] Mrs. Julia [illegible] who survives him. He moved to Smethport in March 1869, and that year built the opera house which bears his name. He was a Second Day Adventist for fifty years before his death.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Wednesday. Rev. G. W. Halliwell officiating and the remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery. The bereaved will have the sympathy of a host of friends in her hours of sorrow.

Now Try This

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good if you have a cough, cold or any trouble with throat, chest or lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or money will be paid back. Sufferers from la grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how a good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at F. R. Foster's Drug Store. Large size 50c and $1.00.

There is nothing I have ever used for muscular rheumatism that gives me as much relief as Chamberlain's Pain Balm does. I have been using it for two years (four bottles in all) as occasion required and always keep a bottle of it in my home. I believe I know a good thing when I get hold of it, and Pain Balm is the best liniment I have ever met with. W. B. Denny, dairyman, New Lexington, Ohio. 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong.

Thanks

Most all friends and pupils, I now leave you with regret but hope to be with you again next season. Please accept my warmest thanks for your able assistance in my late concert. Good bye.

PROF. CHAS. WHEELER.

Smethport, June 7th, 1893.

It is a truth in medicine that the smallest dose that performs a cure is the best. DeWitt's Little Risers are the smallest pill that will perform a cure, and are the best. For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

Ice Cream

Mrs. T. H. Purtle has opened Ice Cream Parlors at her residence on Water street, where ice cream will be served every day and evening during the warm season. Private families or entertainments supplied on short notice.

June 15, 1893

If you can afford to be annoyed by sick headache and constipation, don't use DeWitt's Little Early Risers for these little pills will cure them.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Robert L. Edgett of Bradford was in town on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Adda Goodlick visited friends in Johnsonburg over Sunday.

The Misses Douglass, of Eldred, are visiting with Miss Lucy Backus.

Mrs. D. F. Wright and Mrs. J. W. Reilly visited Buffalo Thursday.

L. O. Durfee and wife of Port Allegany drove to Smethport Tuesday.

Mark Hardie, Jr., of Mt. Alton was visiting friends in town Thursday.

Ira McQuiston of Rixford is visiting with his cousin Tom Morrison, this week.

Rev. J. H. McCandless is in Pittsburg this week attending the diocesan meeting.

B. L. Knapp made Bradford and Mt. Jewett a business visit the first of the week.

Con Thamm of New York is the guest of his uncle, Emil Thamm, Mechanic street.

Mrs. Wm. Detarmas, of Washington Pa., is visiting with her relatives in this place.

Miss Nellie Shoate, of Buffalo, is the guest of her cousin, Miss May Choate of King street.

Robert Dean of Alton was among the officers of Keating township school district in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hall of Olean, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hall, of Fulton street this week.

Senator A. F. Bannon was a guest at the Central on Wednesday. He made the MINER office a pleasant call.

A. J. Bond of Bradford, rode in from Mt. Jewett on his bicycle Tuesday. He was making a business tour on his wheel.

Miss Hattie Waller is occupying a responsible position in the short hand department of the Lebanon Business College.

District Attorney J. W. Bouton started Wednesday for Kentucky. He will be in that state several weeks on business. Mrs. Bouton is also absent from home owing to temporary poor health.

Mrs. B. D. Hamlin, Mrs. John Forest and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin and daughter Nettie and Miss Grace McCoy started for Buffalo last Monday to be in attendance at the commencement exercises of St. Margaret's seminary from which Miss Hattie Redfield graduates.

One word describes it—perfection—We refer to DeWitt's witch hazel Salve cures obstinate sores burns, skin diseases and is a well known cure for piles.

LITERARY NOTES.

AN ANECDOTE OF ARTEMUS WARD.

His companions were a band of brilliant young Bohemians for whose kind the metropolis now contains no room. They were the last of their kind, and most of them lived but brief lives. They produced much that was brilliant but nothing that lasted. Artemus alone won enduring fame. The others were writers, actors and minstrels. The brothers Dan and Neil Bryant were eminent members of the clan, together with Charles Dawson Shanly and a shining cluster of young men about town. One of the latter who lived to become a staid merchant used to relate with glee how on leaving the little theater in Twenty third street late one evening in company with Artemus Shanly and Neil Bryant the trio broke out in joyous carol. The song was interrupted by one of the then leaguered metropolitan police men who roughly ordered them to stop the noise. At this rude interruption Artemus stopped his song and turning threw himself upon the bosom of the astonished policemen, and gave way to a gush of passionate tears. His friends endeavored to calm him and the embarrassed officer half choked by his warm embrace begged him to desist, which he did with the declaration that the metropolitan policeman is the noblest work of God. This sentiment secured escape and a continuance of the song.—*Century Magazine.*

Harper's Weekly for June 17th will devote five pages to Edwin Booth; the text will include an intimate account of the tragedian's life by his friend Laurence Hutton and will be embellished by several portraits and by illustrations of the actor in his favorite roles and of his home at the Players Club which he founded. A page of drawings will be devoted to the illustrations of the "Campania, the queen of ocean racers." The Philadelphia open air horse show and the New York horse show at Manhattan field will be amply illustrated. Another of the "adventures of Sherlock Holmes," The Reigate Puzzle by Dr. A. Conan Doyle and additional chapters of "The Cliff Dwellers" will be printed in this number which will also contain a page illustration. In and about the Midway Plaisance at the Chicago Exposition.

SUMMER EXCURSION ROUTES AND RATES VIA THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

The 1893 edition of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's annual book of Summer Excursion Routes has just been issued. It is tastily gotten up and presents in a most practical manner about four hundred summer resorts from which excellent selections may be made for either limited trips or extended sojourns during the summer and early fall months.

The great variety of summer routes suggested the complete schedules of rates, the graphic and exhaustive descriptions of the different places, the explanatory maps and the illustrations make this volume a most valuable guide.

Copies of the book may be obtained at any ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad on payment of ten cents or upon application to the General Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Philadelphia, it will be forwarded upon the receipt of the twenty cents.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.—"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits, 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong Druggist, Smethport.

We could not improve the quality if paid double the price. DeWitt's witch hazel salve is the best salve that experience can produce or money can buy.

Found

On Tuesday evening of this week, a pocket book containing a small amount of money and some other articles, which can be had at the MINER office by paying for this notice.

Ignorance of the merits of DeWitt's Little Early Risers is a misfortune. These little pills regulate the liver, cure headache, dyspepsia bad breath, constipation, and biliousness.

Ice cream every night at A. Sturdevant's residence on Union street.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles
DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures burns
DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures sores
DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures ulcers.

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels Each day. Most people need to use it.

A new novel is about to be submitted to publishers, entitled, "The Tax Payers Fooled"; or "Barred by the Statute of Limitations."

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Gov. Pattison has approved a bill providing for the election of one person to fill the office of Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts and one person to fill the office of Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds and Clerk of the Orphan's Court in counties containing 40,000 inhabitants, and not heretofore separate judicial districts under the constitution. What is the meaning of "heretofore"? Does not the bill include counties that were not separate judicial districts before the last judicial apportionment?

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Public sentiment was never more wholly with the accused than it is with Lizzie Borden now on trial at New Bedford, Mass. for the murder of her father and stepmother. The ones who are most desirous to see the conviction of Miss Borden are a few members of her own sex and they establish no precedent in expressing this feeling. For some inscrutable reason cruel and merciless condemnation often lurks behind the sweet and refined face of woman. The prisoner was held for the murder on the flimsiest and most superficial kind of circumstantial evidence and nothing to strengthen the prosecution has been developed.

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Once upon a time a swain was born in some remote and isolated rural district of New York. This prodigy wearying of the bucolics of the cross-roads' grocery store, determined to discover to the world the light of his waxing genius through the columns of the press. He felt the germs of greatness in his rutabaga head and ambition led him, as it did Hannibal, onward. He crossed not the Alps, but the Alleganies and is now the editor of the Port Allegany Bladder, opportunely arriving in that place to champion the saintly cause of "reform." The Bladder bloats every week and it is predicted that it will sometime burst from an over pressure of barn yard gas. The editor had better go back to his native element on the farm—he would be of more use there shoveling in the stable than in McKean county trying to make fools of his few readers.

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Our Main street contemporary again resumes the old discordant harp, tuned to the song of "reform." It is the same old instrument whose worn out strings have served the Democratic party ever since its inception the same old strings that will continue to be pulled as long as the party mule is not frightened out of existence by some slight breach in these "piping times of peace," that will call for the blood of patriots. The musician hopes that his party and mugwump friends will get hold of public finances and prostitute political office to their own ignoble level. The people of this country as well as the people of this county have listened to that old croak until it has become the rottenest chestnut ever dished up to the unsophisticated and gullible. Our Main street contemporary will wake up on the morning of the eighth of November to find that he has been laboring under the golden memory of a premature dream. He imagines that unbelabeled misrepresentations and carefully prepared lies as to the disbursement of county funds will turn the Republican party inside out and give all political offices to his ambitious friends belonging to Grover's "keep cool and think" order. He will find however that the Republican elephant is still alive and kicking.

ONSLAUGHT ON PENSIONS.

The cry against the pension system so enthusiastically taken up by the Democratic press bids fair to become a boomerang of no small dimensions. This is largely due to the extreme utterances which have been used by many papers and leaders. The old time venom has showed itself in these and naturally the result is nauseating to fair-minded patriotic citizens. According to some of these expressions the defenders of the Union simply entered the service and imperiled their lives for the purpose of securing pensions later on. Others claim that the Government, instead of gladly recognizing and properly rewarding those to whom it owes its existence and extending them every facility to establish their claims should resist these to the uttermost and only pay whenever a lawsuit had been decided against it in favor of the would be pensioner.

J. DeWitt Warner, in the June *Forum* slanders thousands of American women by asserting that they have married solely to secure the pitiful pension of $8 a month upon the death of their husbands. On Decoration Day ex-Pension Commissioner Black asserted that there were thousands of cowards and scoundrels on the pension list who were not entitled to be there. This man who gets $100 for total disability, occupied for years a position which would have enabled him to purge that list or to give to the public but he has done neither. On the contrary he not only drew a very high pension but also his salary as Pension Commissioner, and he is still on the pension list while engaged in business. Undoubtedly there is room for reform in pension matters, but the methods of attack indicated above are inexcusable and can only lead to the rebuke and obloquy of those who employ them.—*Pittsburg Times.*

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank R. Foster, Druggist.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of Keating Township School District.

Lincoln Gallup collector for 1892.

	Dr.	
To duplicate	2726 76	
To additional	13 59	
To 5 per cent. on $[illegible] 24 to be added	34 41	$[illegible] 76
	Cr	
By 5 per cent. on $1101 ?? abated tax payers	55 21	
By 5 per cent. commission on $[illegible]	21 03	
By paid Treasurer Backer	1020 66	
By 1 per cent commission for collecting $[illegible]	37 34	
By paid Treasurer Backer	714 25	
By 2 per cent. commission on $[illegible]	20 11	
By paid Treasurer Backer	600 00	
By exonerations	214 34	
By to be collected	31 44	
By amount due school fund	66 02	$[illegible] 76

And now June 14, 1893, we, the undersigned auditors, having examined the above accounts, find them as above stated.

D. L. HAVEN
A. T. STRANAHAN, } Auditors.

C. A. Backer treasurer of Keating School Board

	Dr	
From state appropriation	1450 35	
From balance on hand from 1891	393 41	
From Collector Gallup	2344 33	
From sale of school property	25 00	
From tuition from Annin township	55 00	
From County Treasurer on unseated tax	2347 60	$[illegible] 67
Total		
	Cr	
Building school house at Simpson and furnishing	331 05	
Repairing school houses	45 50	
Teachers wages	3804 75	
Fuel and contingencies	402 62	
Fees of collector	94 13	
Fees of treasurer	146 90	
Salary of secretary	25 00	
Total	7421 96	
Bal. in hands of treasurer	1001 71	$[illegible] 67

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D. L. HAVEN

Interesting News From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

MT. ALTON.

Byron Pierson moved his family to Kushequa last week.

Rev. Getman was at Buffalo for a short stay last week.

Mrs. Geo. Beaumont visited Bradford last Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Quinn, of Bradford, spent several days in this place last week.

Miss Ida Harding went to Mt. Jewett last week to spend the summer with Mrs. Perry Oakes.

C. J. Mahoney and family went to Turnip Run last Wednesday to reside for an indefinite period.

Miss Carrie Burch of Utica, N. Y., is visiting at the residence of her sister Mrs. Getman.

The Home Mission Society will furnish ice cream and cake at the M. E. Church next Saturday.

Geo. H. [illegible] went to Bradford Monday to attend the meeting of the McKean County Republican Committeemen.

We are pleased to announce that our friend Mark Hardie has been able for the past week to take short drives.

Rev. Getman will attend the Sunday School Institute at Ellicottville, N. Y. Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The new School Board were organized last Monday. E. D. Sprague was elected president, T. F. Lennox secretary, and I. M. Parks treasurer.

The Children's Day exercises was observed at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening. The exercises were good and enjoyed by a well filled house.

Sheriff Gruh was in our town last week and various were the comments as to who he was after and why, but his visit was not caused by any violations of the law.

F. E. Laraway general agent for The Mutual Investment and Building Association, of Buffalo was in town a couple of days last week. He appointed Jas. McGraw treasurer for this place.

The Mt. Jewett nine came over here last Friday and played with the Alton club. Our boys beat the score standing 15 to 27. After the game the parties enjoyed a fine supper at John O'Conner's.

Friday evening a ball was given at the [illegible] [illegible] furnish[ed] the music. [illegible] the supper. A [illegible] were present and every thing was of a high[ly] [illegible] character.

Rev. Getman will exchange places with Rev. Bennett at Kittanning Creek next Sunday. [illegible] Rev. Bennett will have an opportunity next Sunday evening to preach from the pulpit [illegible].

At a meeting [illegible] the following officers were elected: [illegible] Simon Crites [illegible] Mary [illegible]. They will be [illegible] next Saturday evening.

[illegible] lecture [illegible] the Magnificent [illegible] given [illegible] was poorly attended.

[illegible] young men [illegible] entered a basement [illegible] and the [illegible].

The R. & N. [illegible] were taken from the [illegible] [illegible] Johnsonburg and [illegible] through [illegible] that gets in here is a local from Bradford that gets in here at 2 p. m. [illegible] does freight work and goes back about an hour later. Under this arrangement our people cannot go to Bradford and return the same day. A good deal of kicking is being done, and it is hoped there will be a change soon.

ELDRED.

Mrs. E. F. Brown and daughter visited [illegible] friends last week.

Miss [illegible] of [illegible]ville came up [illegible] spent a few days with Eldred friends.

A [illegible] was organized [illegible] but we are rather [illegible] will be very effective this year on [illegible].

Dr. Lewis Bail[ey] is taking a much needed rest [illegible] at the Sizerville Springs. [illegible] whether it is the same [illegible].

[illegible] Bradford last Monday [illegible] the Republican [illegible] members from [illegible] township attended.

Senator A. [illegible] Bannon and H. H. North [illegible] a few hours last Friday. They were on their way from [illegible] Harrisburg and the [illegible] duties of legislation.

I. P. Sartwell has returned from Sizerville after an absence of several weeks. He is much improved [illegible] rheumatism but there are [illegible] other things that will still bear a little improvement.

[illegible] his connection with the [illegible] book keeper [illegible] He is already [illegible] the [illegible] business [illegible].

[illegible] one of Eldred's popular [illegible] departed Monday morning for [illegible] where he spent the week taking the examination in embalming. He is already a graduate of the Pittsburg school but he wants to take them all in to see which is the best.

A large crowd of [illegible] Maccabees and citizens gathered at the W[illegible] opera house last Sunday evening to take in the exercises which were most interesting and the address by Rev. Halliwell of Smethport, was listened to by a delighted audience for it was an able effort. The Odd Fellows are now talking of getting their [illegible] degree delivered to the public.

Fred McFall left last Thursday for Hornellsville where he was to play ball the next day with the team from that place. He was to pitch for them and if he he was fast enough for the company they are to keep this summer he will be engaged for the season. Mac is getting so he can travel with most any but the professional teams, and is improving every season both speed and control of his terrific curves.

Considerable stir has been going on this week in preparation for our Fourth of July celebration. Major Douglass has completed arrangements for his races at the driving park, which will come off that day. There will be three of them besides the private race between Drs. Balfour and Eaton, which will draw a larger crowd than all the others. The track is in fine condition and a good day will guarantee a big time. Hayes Heath and W. F. Beers have charge of the rest of the arrangements and will see that they are interesting and satisfactory to the large crowd.

COLEGROVE.

Supt. A. T. Olmstead was in Eldred on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Allie Ray visited Olean on a shopping expedition last Saturday.

Mr. Hiram Burlingame is visiting relatives in the vicinity of Randolph, N. Y.

Mrs. Wel Irwin and Mrs. Cora Bartlett have opened an ice cream parlor at Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Snow left Colegrove the 9th inst. Mr. Snow will visit his son, James Snow, of New York city, and then go on to Cotuit, Mass., where he has purchased a lot and will build a house and make it his future home. Mr. and Mrs. Snow had gained many warm friends during their residence here, who felt sorry to have them leave this locality.

Rev. Grimes, of Olean, will deliver a temperance lecture in the church Tuesday evening, June 20th. "The Gigantic Serpent" is the subject, and we presume it will be and illustrated lecture as the former ones were. All who heard and saw the preceeding ones, expect a treat in this one. No admittance will be charged, but a collection will be taken at the close of the lecture. Come and bring your friends with you.

[War]ren county, and an aunt of A. B. Smith, is the guest of Walter and wife.

Axel Nohlquist, employed at the Kane house, while practicing riding a bicycle on Main street Saturday was probably fatally injured.

Dr. Abner Griffith, has gone to his home at Ebensburg. Willie, son of J. T. Griffith, accompanied his uncle and will remain there some time.

Miss Belle Collins, P. W. McHale's bookkeeper, returned Sunday from a three weeks vacation in the State of New York, where her parents reside.

Geo. W. Campbell & Sons have put an additional train on the K. C. & K. R. R., to handle their increased lumber trade. North Kane is booming.

Read the open letter of Joshua Davis in the Republican and Leader. Its purpose is [illegible], its volumes for the betterment of the town in a few words.

The sad intelligence was received here last Thursday, that Willie, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neuls, died at Bonfield, Illinois, where the parents were visiting.

Put in your mite to have the Roller Desk Works moved from Jamestown to Kane. A mite from each one will accomplish its removal. Do not delay this important matter any longer.

Four fine large residences are nearing completion in the eastern borough limits on Clay and Greeves streets, owned by Wm. Dodds, E. N. McCoy, Jr., Andrew Karlson and A. W. Davis.

Health seekers are gathering at the Thompson House the popular resort on the big level. Mr. Kemp, the proprietor, has spared neither pains or expense in putting it in excellent order for the season, just opening.

The many friends of H. H. Corson are exceedingly well pleased with the result of the blackmailing scheme. Whenever persecution is substituted for prosecution, then patience ceases to be a virtue with all high minded people.

Here are a few of our Kane people that left last and are going to the World's Fair this week: James McDade and family, M. W. Moffitt and wife, Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. Shier. A number more are going next week, but wish their names withheld for fear of injuring their business during their absence.

Gust Munson, the iceman, was riding an unbroken colt along Haines street on Friday afternoon, when passing the residence of C. F. Cook, the tailor, a dog sprang out frightening the colt, which started to run away. Mr. Munson was thrown off, sustaining painful bruises and a scalp wound. Gust will be around in a short time.

I. J. Magee is the inventor of an inside lining for buildings. He has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he secured letters patent for the device. It will be manufactured here if any encouragement is given him. Mr. Theo. Barnsdall has taken one half of the stock. If the citizens of Kane subscribe for the remaining four thousand dollars, the factory will be located in Kane.

A pioneer Catholic clergyman, Rev. Father Erhardt, of St. Marys, is the guest of Rev. Geo. Winkler this week. This pious priest in the early days of his ministry in the St. Marys region, was compelled to ride on horse back through an almost unbroken wilderness from St. Marys to Butler, Clarion, Bellefonte and Lock Haven, he having pastoral charge of the spiritual wants of the people of his faith at those place.

PORT ALLEGANY.

Dr. Lacy a former resident of this place, spent Sunday in town.

Dr. Keator returned from his visit in New York state last Thursday.

Clayton Young of Buffalo spent Sunday with his family in this place.

Stewart Fell, of Olean spent Sunday with his parents in this place.

Mrs. G. I. Snyder of Buffalo, is visiting with her parents in this place this week.

Robert Root, of Buffalo was in town last Tuesday looking after his interests in the tannery.

John Costello, of Costello was in town last Thursday on business connected with the tannery.

Anson Pickett, of Kansas, is spending a few days with his parents, Rev. Pickett and wife in this place.

John Rice who is working in the south ern part of the state is spending a few days in this place with his family.

Commissioner F. D. Sunar and family, of Smethport spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gallup.

The Supervisors of Liberty township have been doing some excellent work on the roads in this vicinity for the last two weeks.

Business was commenced at the creamery last Monday morning. If it is patronized as it should be, it will be beneficial to Port Allegany and to the farmers.

B. Kashner who has been the tanner in the Root & Keating tannery in this place for the last sixteen years, was asked to resign last week, by the new tannery company. A Mr. Fowler from near Elmira, took his place last Monday.

Parties were in town last week looking for a good location to establish a Kindling Wood Factory. All they want further is an assurance that they can obtain the material. We have all the inducement for such an industry that any place could have.

Miss Josephine Cameron, supported by a strong company played East Lynn at the opera house last Saturday evening. Miss Emerson is an actress of some reputation, and she created a favorable impression here. She was poorly patronized, but should she come again, there will be a full house to greet her.

Rev. C. A. Wilson, of Olean, delivered a lecture in the Methodist church last Friday evening. The subject was, "Woman's rights and woman's wrongs." The lecture was poorly attended. Mr. Wilson is a very interesting speaker and he has kindly consented to repeat his lecture Friday evening, June 23. No admission will be charged.

The leading tanners of the United States, held a meeting in this place last Friday for the purpose of settling a dispute in regard to the admission of the tannery in this borough into the trust. Port Allegany has suffered already on account of this unjust combine. God speed the day when this kind of slavery shall be, by law, abolished in this country.

Children's Day was observed at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. The services consisted of a programme of songs and recitations by the children, and the parts were taken nicely. Rev. Pickett spoke of the differance in heathern lands and christian lands in regard to the attention and care given to children. The church was packed and the services seemed to be enjoyed by all.

All that honesty, skill and experience can do to produce a perfect pill, has been employed in making DeWitt's Little Early Risers. The result is a specific for sick headache, biliousness and constipation.

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The Wonderful Scope and Variety of the World's Fisheries—From the Equator to the Arctic — Lofoden in Norway and Gloucester in America—What a Woman Did.

WORLD'S FAIR, June 13.—[Special.]—One of the most surprising features of the exposition is the fisheries building and the exhibit which it houses. In a former letter I described the beauties of the salt and fresh water aquaria and the charm their countless inhabitants exercise over many thousands of visitors every day. One can understand that, for the privilege of seeing all varieties of live fish disport in their native element is one which people do not often enjoy. But I confess I was surprised at the interest manifested by the throngs of exposition visitors in the main building of the fisheries, where no live fish are to be seen. Every day I saw streams of people going in and out of this structure, and finally I determined to see what it was that exercised such fascination over them within.

After a tour of the building I am no longer amazed at the popular interest in its contents. I never before realized the important part which fisheries play in the commerce of the world, never understood, as I do now, the almost infinite variety of fish products and their value as food, in the arts, and in medicine. Above and beyond all this there is a glamour of romance about the fishing industry. It [illegible] go to sea in boats, must bear the dangers of the deep, has in it that which develops character and feeling, with now and then a tragedy in real life, and is, withal, continuously and inevitably picturesque.

Everything that industry and science have rescued from the depths of lake, river and sea is shown here: inhabitants of deep sea grottoes, the coral animal—sea anemones that blossom miles below the surface of the ocean, specimens of subaqueous plant life so marvelously delicate and richly beautiful that the microscope alone is able to reveal all the charms of their film like tracery. Very interesting is the exhibit of the United States Fish commission of the methods employed by it in deep sea work, in propagating fish and stocking our rivers and lakes.

A feature of the show which every one stops to look at is an extensive model of the seal fisheries of Alaska over which the great lawyers are now contending before the international tribunal at Paris. The seal catching trade is classed with the fisheries, though the seal strictly speaking, is not a fish. This strange creature whose skin represents about the highest type of comfort and elegance in the winter garments of civilization is an amphibian. He lives principally in the water but uses the land for breeding purposes, forming thereon at certain seasons of the year vast settlements called "rookeries." It happens that the seal of the north Pacific ocean make their rookeries on the Pribylov Islands, which belong to the United States, and Canadian fishermen insist upon capturing the animals while they are en route to and from the breeding places. That is what all the trouble is about between the United States and England. The models prepared under the direction of Professor Elliott of the Smithsonian are of papier mache colored and accurate, for Professor Elliott is the greatest authority in the world on seal life. They show the queer habits of the seal and the method of killing them. One model is that of a seal drive and includes hundreds of minute seals which the natives are driving along over the ground to the interior of the island or killing place, by shouting and waving of cloths. Another illustrates a "rookery," where the full grown seals, the males bellowing and fighting, have hauled up out of the surf to the dry land. At the Pribylov islands years ago one could see acres and acres black with the forms of these animals, but the herds are now much reduced in size. A third model is not a very pleasant one to look upon. It shows the Aleuts in the act of killing the poor creatures by the hundreds, smashing them in the head with big clubs as they lie helpless upon the ground.

The great Fisheries building is filled with just such illustrations. From almost every country in the world come the boats, tackle and appliances of fishermen with figures of the fishermen themselves, models showing methods employed, pictures of fishing scenes and statues, and an infinite variety of fish products.

Norway makes what is probably the most interesting of these displays. The Northmen are famous fishermen. The theater of their operations extends from Christiania in the south to the limit of the polar ice pack north of Spitzbergen. These Norwegians start early in the year for the Arctic ocean, driving their little schooners into the ice with an intrepidity which astonishes the Arctic explorers who, fitted with steam vessels and all appliances for fighting ice, are afraid to follow. Fishermen from Tromsoe and Hammerfest every year accomplish feats in the northern waters which would add to the fame of Arctic explorers but the Norwegians are after fish, seal, walrus, eider down, whales, not glory. Almost every year some of these little craft go north of Spitzbergen and reach a latitude that is within 500 geographical miles of the north pole. Occasionally one is nipped in the ice up there, and the master and crew, unless rescued by other fishermen must pass the long Arctic winter in improvised huts and subsist upon such game as they may be able to take before darkness sets in about the first of October. Sometimes they do this successfully, others, their bones are found in the spring where starvation or scurvy left them.

The Norwegians show here specimens of the craft and the weapons with which they assail the walrus, the seal and the polar bear. They show also the paraphernalia of one of the most wonderful fishing scenes which the world contains, that at the Lofoden islands in February and March. During ten months of the year these islands are practically deserted. For two months the sun does not show himself. The scene is one of polar calm and whiteness. But in February myriads of cod-fish come to the islands, no one knows from where, to spawn. The fishermen come, too. Thirty thousand men come, bringing from 7,000 to 8,000 boats. They create a city on the shores. By day their boats literally cover the sea for miles and miles—all their fishing is done within sight from the water at a signal and race to the fishing grounds.

Thirty million cod are caught every year in these great fisheries, and so important is this industry to the wealth and prosperity of Norway that the number caught each day is telegraphed by the government to the commercial exchanges in every city of Christendom. Peter Moller is the industrial king of Lofoden, and here in the Fisheries building the man who won fame and fortune by discovery of the steam method of purifying the oil from the liver of the cod, shows us his processes and his products.

This is but one of a large number of exhibits of equal interest—exhibits which not only satisfy momentary curiosity but inform us as to what is going on in the great world. Of course a fisheries show without Gloucester, our own Lofoden, would be no show at all. And Gloucester is nobly represented. A great model of the harbor of Gloucester shows the wharfs, the warehouses, the salt and fish docks. On the waters of the bay which are strikingly real ride accurate models of Gloucester fishing schooners used from 1623 to the present time. Of course there has been great progress. Here we may learn what few of us ever knew before—how the word "schooner" originated. It is a pretty little story.

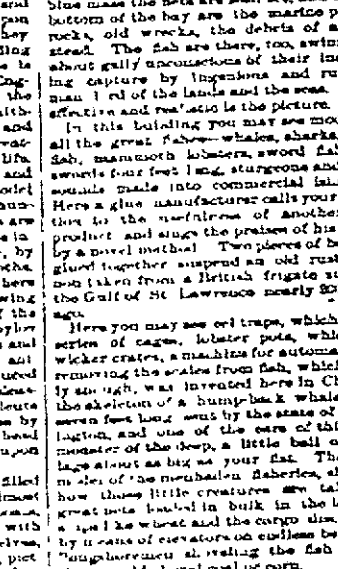
One Captain Andrew Robinson was an original, inventive chap. Just 180 years ago he masted and rigged a new vessel in the fore and aft style which we see at the present day, and when he launched her and she dipped the water some old wag of a bystander sung out:

"O how she scoons!"

"Very well a schooner let her be," said Captain Robinson.

Gloucester now has 400 fishing schooners of average capacity of eighty-one tons. The novel and interesting exhibit made here by her board of trade fixes in the mind as nothing else could do the fact that the quaint Cape Cod town is the greatest fishing center on the western continent.

Among hundreds of instructive displays I can pause to describe but one more. It represents an actual fishing scene in Boston bay. By a clever contrivance the surface of the water is counterfeited, and there float the boats. Down through the blue mass the nets are seen set, and on the bottom of the bay are the marine plants, rocks, old wrecks, the debris of a roadstead. The fish are there, too, swimming about gaily unconscious of their impending capture by ingenious and ruthless man, lord of the lands and the seas. Very effective and realistic is the picture.



MODELS OF FISHING VESSELS.

In this building you may see models of all the great fishes—whales, sharks, devil fish, mammoth lobsters, sword fish with swords four feet long, sturgeons and their sounds made into commercial isinglass. Here a glue manufacturer calls your attention to the usefulness of another fish product and sings the praises of his wares by a novel method. Two pieces of belting, glued together suspend an old rusty cannon taken from a British frigate sunk in the Gulf of St Lawrence nearly 200 years ago.

Here you may see eel traps, which are a series of cages, lobster pots, which are wicker crates, a machine for automatically removing the scales from fish, which, oddly enough, was invented here in Chicago, the skeleton of a hump-back whale forty-seven feet long sent by the state of Washington, and one of the ears of this same monster of the deep, a little ball of cartilage about as big as your fist. There is a model of the menhaden fisheries, showing how these little creatures are taken in great nets, hauled in bulk in the holds of vessels like wheat and the cargo discharged by means of elevators on endless belts, the 'longshoremen shoveling the fish just as they would shovel coal or corn.

In the angling department America, of course leads the world. We have more fishing, more fishermen and more inventors of tackle and appliances than all creation besides. Two things in this department left a deep impression on my mind. One the American made sportsman's canoe, capacity three men strong and safe, and weighing only fifty-seven pounds, just the thing for use in the waters of Wisconsin where it is said a man may paddle his canoe from one end of the state to the other with only short portages now and then. The other the somewhat surprising fact that the largest tarpon ever caught was taken by a woman. I know little about fishing, but I do know that Senator Quay takes more pride in the fact that he once caught a tarpon in Florida than in his possession of a seat in the United States senate. I know that Amos Cummings, the New York congressman and journalist, has been trying for the last three years to catch a tarpon, devoting to that quest about two-thirds of his salary and one half his time. Yet here we see a model of the greatest tarpon ever hauled from water and a woman took him. This game fish weighed 200 pounds and was more than seven feet long. The woman who won fame in his taking was Mrs. Stagg, of Frankfort, Ky. This is woman's era, sure enough. My compliments to Mrs. Stagg.

WALTER WELLMAN.

There is now in the Horticulture building among its infinite variety of attractions a collection of pressed mountain flowers. They are the property of Mrs. S. B. Walker, of Castle Rock, Colo., and are not for sale. Nothing is quite so tender, frail and beautiful as a mountain flower, budding in snow and blooming in the rare air often above the clouds, and the collection has already become of foremost interest to the fair visitors.

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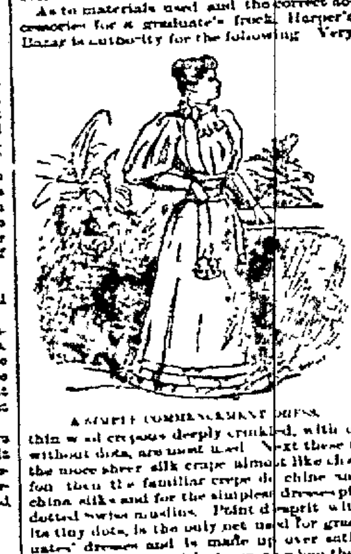
The round bodice, with a belt or a sash consisting of folds of satin and with a high, close collar, represents the popular commencement dress for the season, and white is not only the appropriate but the most fashionable color for it. Skirts, though of course without trains, are long and marked by the increased fullness of the new modes.

Though simplicity is one of the most attractive qualities of a graduating gown, it is admitted that quite a number are being made with skirts well trimmed. A wide flounce with five rows of insertion let in above at intervals as far as the knee is to be noted in one gown; six graduated ruffles with spaces between reach nearly to the waist on another. Three narrow overlapping ruffles or one rather narrow flounce at the bottom meets with greatest favor, however.

As to materials used and the correct accessories for a graduate's frock, Harper's Bazar is authority for the following: Very



A SIMPLE COMMENCEMENT DRESS.

thin wool crepons deeply crinkled, with or without dots, are most used. Next these is the more sheer silk crape almost like chiffon, then the familiar crepe de chine and china silks and for the simplest dresses plain dotted swiss muslins. Point d'esprit with its tiny dots, is the only net used for graduates' dresses and is made up over satin surah for college girls to wear when they are full fledged young women in society. The high corsage is preferred for all these maidenly dresses, but some modestly low waists are made to be worn when the commencement exercises take place in the evening.

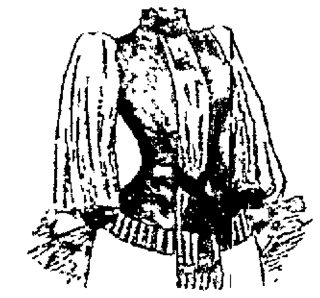
Long white suede gloves are used with either afternoon or evening gowns. Black stockings and slippers are preferred in the daytime while white suede slippers or low shoes of the same are worn in the evening with white stockings.

Jewelry is entirely out of place. Flowers or ribbons are worn in the hair and a ribbon collar is also used. The fan is white gauze or lace and may be carried in the hand suspended by ribbon from the shoulder or as a chatelaine from the belt. Few long sashes are worn. A new fancy is a plaited ribbon rosette at back of the belt, made very large with a whalebone holding the upper half erect.

The girlish and charming dress shown in the cut is of white china silk with wide folded satin sash and tasteful adornment of satin ribbon.

A Simple Model For a Tea Jacket.

This useful garment has a semifitting jacket made in either velvet silk or cloth in a bright brown with pale eau de nil liberty silk or crepe de chine full vest which is plaited all around to fall beneath the coat.



A FRENCH TEA JACKET.

Full bell sleeves of crepe de chine hang over close fitting cuffs in the same material as the jacket. The vest is finished with fringe and a ribbon tie in the front.

The Zouave Jackets.

The fluctuations of fashion have not affected the popularity of the zouave in the very least. It will be more worn than ever this summer. The zouave coats are chiefly cut square made of cloth and very little trimmed. Zouave jackets for afternoon wear are of silk and of velvet, close fitting at the back rounded off in front to show the waist and adorned with jet. The most dressy kind of zouave is frilled in the most fascinating manner imaginable with black lace. An example in black velvet had a deep turned-over collar trimmed with lace about six inches wide and was finished round the edge with a narrower frill of lace.

Becoming to a Stout Figure.

Here is a beautiful and becoming black silk dress made for a woman whose waist must have been nearly a yard around. The skirt was plain with a row of jet galloon on each seam the stripes giving height. The bodice was made with a short zouave back and front. The sleeve was headed by a cape of fringed lace and it opened in the front to show a narrow waistcoat quite plain and this is a most excellent style of diminishing the apparent size.

Fashion's Echoes.

Foulard will be fashionable again for summer gowns.

Bodices to contrast to the skirt, both for evening and morning wear are in the best possible style and sometimes the sleeves match the skirt and not the rest of the bodice.

Striped grenadines and spotted crepons are first favorites among woolens.

Duchess lace is at present the height of the fashion and deep gathered berthas of it fall downward from many low bodices. Marie Antoinette fichus are introduced alike on morning and evening dresses, tying at the back.

There is no doubt that lace trimming on a hat or bonnet softens the expression and is very becoming to most women.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

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The arrangement of the epidermic scales which form the outermost layer of animal hairs is mentioned by a writer in Science as an interesting example of the subservience in a bodily organ or appendage of form to function, the function in this case being that of cleansing. He says:

"The buried edges of the scales point toward the root of the hair, while the free edges projected obliquely in the direction of the hair end, as the shingles on a roof point to the eaves. When a hair is drawn between the thumb and forefinger which are gently pressed upon it, it will be found that the hair glides far more easily when pulled from root to tip than in the opposite direction. When the hair is simply rolled between the thumb and finger, it will gradually move parallel to its length in the direction of the hair root. These results depend altogether on the way in which the hair scales project from the hair axis. It is at once obvious that foreign particles lodging to the hair in situ would find an easy passage outward toward the tip and away from the surface of the body, but exceedingly difficult the passage in the opposite direction. Every movement of the hair, especially frictional disturbance must set up a current of foreign particles toward the hair tip. The housewife has long known by experience how much more readily a vigorous shaking cleanses a woolen garment than one made of cotton.

"The sebaceous glands opening at the mouth of the hair follicle probably play an important part in surface cleansing, for their oily secretion sticks together the particles of dirt sliding between and would all manner of filth in such a way that rakes can no doubt more readily remove them.

"The housewife again uses the same principle when she sprinkles a very dusty floor before sweeping."

Fruit Acids.

The grateful acid of the rhubarb stalk arises from the malic acid and binoxalate of potash which it contains. The acidity of the lemon orange and other species of the genus citrus is caused by the abundance of citric acid which their juices contain; that of the cherry, plum, peach, apple and pear from the malic acid in their pulp; that of the gooseberries and currants, black, white and red, from a mixture of malic and citric acids; that of grapes from a mixture of malic and tartaric acids; that of the mango from citric acid and a very fragrant essential oil; that of the tamarind from a mixture of citric malic and tartaric acids; the flavor of asparagus from aspartic acid, found also in the root of the marshmallow, and, according to the compiler of the above, the refreshing cucumber owes its peculiar flavor to a poisonous ingredient, called fungin, which is found in many species of fungi and is the cause of the cucumber being objectionable to some persons.

A Lotion For the Face.

A lotion which is much used in Germany for the complexion is the following: Take of sulphur precipitated 2 drams, camphor, 10 grains, gum tragacanth 20 grains, lime water 2 ounces, rose water 2 ounces. Mix. Shake the bottle and apply at bedtime and in the morning remove the sulphur without wetting the skin.

ETIQUETTE

THE GIGGLING HABIT

An Irritating Mannerism Often Originating In Native Diffidence.

It is possible to demonstrate the necessity laid upon the victim of an artificial civilization to talk when he has nothing to say or no ideas appropriate to the occasion, or if he has, no inclination to impart them to others. Gracious turns of speech and the dexterous play of fancy are the silver pictures for the setting of apples of gold. The wheels of the social chariot would drive heavily to a total foundering but for the pretty amenities of query and reply and the exchange of compliment so universal that we speak and hear them without thought of their essential worth. Superficially considered, the tedious phrases give with enlightened and semicivilized people is, "How do you do?" It passes between rational human beings whithersoever they carry the burden of flesh. It is the prescribed expression of personal interest in the well being of our fellow mortals and as common all over the globe as the other empty phrase which stands with every man for the "God be with you!" which we have abbreviated into "goodby." These are passwords that prove the kinship of mankind.

So the neat remarks "upon the weather and the scarcity of beasts of meat," which are accepted as coin of the realm of society have their place and use. They may be likened to the antennae with which ants meeting upon the same leaf try each other's dispositions and establish boundary lines. The plunge in medias res of business in an appointed interview is an unusual proceeding among equals. It is your inferior who begins, "I have called to say so and so." The polite dun who awaits your pleasure in the hall slips in a comment upon the weather while you pay him and bids you good day at coming and going.

The foregoing arbitrary ordinances of recognized good breeding are cited by Marion Harland in Harper's Bazar to give force to her assertion that there is no rule of general appointment and no precedent other than the giggler's own folly and the example of his brother fools for laughing when there is nothing to laugh at. She says further:

He who inquires as to his neighbor's health with a giggle ought to burst into tears should the catechised party reply to the conventional query that he has a cold in his head.

A serious aspect of the giggling habit is that it is so nearly incorrigible. Mannerisms of all kinds strike their roots deeply but "he! he!" and "ha! ha!" become part and parcel of the offenders against reason and taste. The origin of the obnoxious trick is of course in youth and inexperience and almost always in native diffidence or temporary embarrassment. When the girl has no fitting words at call, she giggles. When the lad is oppressed by a weight of bashfulness and would swagger it off, he guffaws.

Dr. M. J. Davis is a prominent physician of Lewis, Cass county, Iowa and has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine at that place for the past thirty five years. On the 26th of May, while in Des Moines en route to Chicago, he was suddenly taken with diarrhoea. Having sold Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy for the past seventeen years, and knowing its reliability he procured a 25 cent bottle, two doses of which cured him. The excitement of travel and the change of water and diet incident to traveling often produce a diarrhoea. Every one should procure a bottle of this remedy before leaving home. For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

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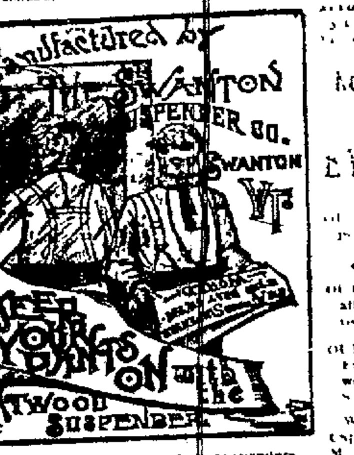

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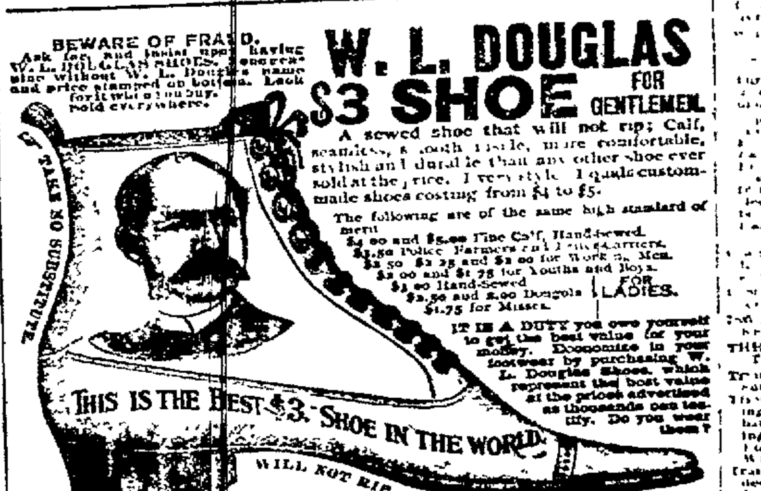

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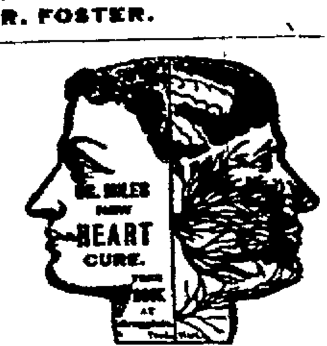

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